

## Introduction

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This panel will focus on the legal and ethical lessons of NATO's Kosovo campaign as they concern targeting—the *jus in bello* issues of what objects may lawfully be attacked by weapons that are themselves not prohibited by the *jus in bello*.

In my view, no development in US national security law in recent decades has been more important than the development and growth of the field of operational law in the military and the cooperative relationship between the finest legal minds in the US military and the leading scholars on these issues from the United States and around the world has been truly remarkable. The Naval War College anticipated the benefits of such cooperative relationships decades ago with the establishment of the Stockton Chair of International Law and this remarkable colloquium is but a continuation of that tradition.