

COMP2400/6400: Intelligent Machines, Ethics and Law
SGTA Task
Week 6: AI and Intellectual Property

Points of Reference

- Lecture in W5 on “AI and Warfare” held on 24 March 2025.
- Reading 1: Eggert, L. (2025). Autonomised harming. *Philosophical Studies*, 182(1), 1–24. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11098-023-01990-y>
- Reading 2: Asaro, P. (2020). Autonomous weapons and the ethics of Artificial Intelligence. In S. M. Liao (Ed.), *Ethics of Artificial Intelligence* (1st ed., pp. 212–236). Oxford University Press. <https://doi.org/10.1093/oso/9780190905033.003.0008>

Please reply to the following questions in your own words by critically and argumentatively reflecting on the content of the required readings:

1. Asaro (2020) identifies several moral risks posed by the deployment of autonomous weapons, including: the harming of civil lives, arms races, unpredictability, increase of political conflicts and cyber attacks, and the rise of a new kind of weapon of mass destruction. Out of these, choose two risks that you find most relevant and urgent. How can these risks be characterised? How do they threaten to undermine human rights and values?*
2. What is the *agency without duties* challenge posed by the deployment of autonomous weapons, according to Eggert (2025)? Which response to this challenge do you find most plausible and convincing and why?*
3. How can autonomous weapons potentially meet the accountability condition, according to Eggert (2025)? Critically discuss the three views that Eggert (2025) considers.

***Replies to asterisked (starred) questions are mandatory.**

Suggested word count: 150 words per question.

Restriction: You are **not allowed to use any AI based tools** (such as ChatGPT) to reply to these questions. This includes directly copying and paraphrasing artificially generated text. It also includes the integration of chatbot-generated revisions of text that you have drafted yourself. Presenting work created by AI technologies as your own is academically dishonest and any submission doing so will be referred to the Macquarie University Academic Integrity Disciplinary Committee. The submitted text must be your own academic work.