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Samuel Moyn

CMS Lecture

Humane: How the United States Abandoned Peace and Reinvented War

In the years since 9/11, we have entered an age of endless war, with the United States exercising dominion everywhere. In this lecture, based on his recent book (Farrar, Straus & Giroux), Samuel Moyn asks a troubling but urgent question: *What if efforts to make war more ethical—to ban torture and limit civilian casualties—have only shored up the military enterprise and made it sturdier?*

Humane is the story of how America went off to fight and never came back, and how armed combat was transformed from an imperfect tool for resolving disputes into an integral component of the modern condition. As American wars become more protracted, they are also becoming more humane. This lecture argues that this development might not represent progress at all.

Date and time: Monday, 12 June from 18:00-19:30.

Place: CSS, Øster Farimagsgade 5, 1353 København K, room 1.1.18.

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