Drones: coming to the sky near you!

Legal and Ethical Challenges facing the use of drones in society

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On a practical level, commercial and economic law have a far greater influence on the everyday lives of citizens than many other areas of the law. Throughout the course of our lives, all of us will encounter the legal process in our economic activity on a regular, if not daily, basis. The regulation of economic activity is a crucial factor in most modern economies, being regarded as both a potential facilitator of economic growth and a balancing mechanism between the interests of the commercial world and the citizen.

The Group is fortunate in that it has a strong network of overseas partners and contributors in these areas of specialisation, in particular from Europe and North America. This network permits both comparative research as well as access to an extensive range of expertise for our student body.

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Although more commonly known for their use in military operations and counter-terrorism, the increasing civilian use of drones - from photography to environmental protection, from journalism to parcel delivery - presents increasing legal and ethical challenges for today's society.

This conference will explore some of the most important issues facing the unique advantages that this new technology presents.

8.45 Registration

9.00—10.00 DRONES IN WAR AND PEACE
Exploiting drones commercially—working with disruptive technology
Raymond J Friel, Director ICEL

Drones, contractors and the expansion of US Presidential power
Professor Laura Dickinson, George Washington University, USA

10.00—11.30 OPERATING UNMANNED AIRCRAFT
Regulating Drone Use: Challenges and Opportunities
Gearoid O’Briain, Operations Officer UAAI

Training UAV pilots
Oisin McGrath, Chief Flight Instructor iFlytechnologies

Airworthiness and Maintenance of Unmanned Aerial Systems
Dr Kyriakos I. Kourousis, Senior Lecturer, UL

11.45—12.45 DRONES AND THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM
Limitations and Challenges for drone technology in policing
Kevin Sweeney, UL

Drones: Criminal law and Data Protection implications
Kate Harnett, William Fry Solicitors

2.00—3.15 FLYING INTO RISK WITH THE LAW
Property law rights and UAV’s
Kathryn O’Sullivan, Lecturer, UL

Drones, the wide open skies and the right to privacy: an impossible dream?
Eoin Quill, Senior Lecturer, UL

Risk management and drone technology
Martin Mullins, Senior Lecturer, UL

3.15—4.30 COMMERCIAL DRONE USE TODAY
Drones in agricultural management - SLOPE: a European case study
Enda Nolan, Coastway Surveys

Drones, law and society: perspectives from the USA
Professor William Murphy, UNH Law School and Paul Remus, Attorney, New Hampshire

12h45 to 14h00 Lunch