

# Drones, Technology, and the Normalization of Exceptionalism in Contemporary International Security

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## Abstract

This article focuses on the normalization and institutionalization of (previously) exceptional security measures and the correspondent challenges to the constitutional foundations of Western democracies. It argues that established mechanisms of legal and political accountability are increasingly being challenged by technological developments with an impact on security practices. Technological developments unfold at a quicker pace than legal and constitutional change, and this mismatch can be critical.

## Resumo

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*O artigo foca-se na normalização e institucionalização de medidas de segurança (que antes eram excepcionais) e os correspondentes desafios aos fundamentos constitucionais das democracias ocidentais. Argumenta-se que os mecanismos de responsabilização jurídica e política são crescentemente postos em causa pelos desenvolvimentos tecnológicos, com inerente impacto nas práticas securitárias. Os desenvolvimentos tecnológicos ocorrem a um ritmo bem mais elevado do que os necessários ajustamentos jurídicos e constitucionais, e este desajustamento pode ser crítico.*

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