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Media Advocacy For Humanitarian Disarmament: From Landmines To Killer Robots

Monday October 20 @ 6:00 p.m.

University Center, 63 Fifth Avenue John L. Tishman Auditorium

Jody Williams Nobel Peace Laureate

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This panel discussion with Nobel Peace Laureate Ms. Jody Williams, Ms. Mary Wareham of Human Rights Watch, and moderated by Dr. Peter Asaro, Director of Graduate Programs for the School of Media Studies, will look at the evolving nature of media outreach and advocacy for humanitarian disarmament. Williams and Wareham have collaborated together over the past twenty years on initiatives to ban antipersonnel landmines and cluster munitions. They are co-founders of the Campaign to Stop Killer Robots (www.stopkillerrobots.org), a global coalition of non-governmental organizations that is seeking a preemptive ban on weapons that would select and attack targets without meaningful human control. The panelists will consider how media has reacted to and covered the challenges posed by autonomous weapons and call for a ban as well as the similarities and differences to media outreach and advocacy for campaigning against landmines and cluster munitions.