



Are we on the brink of a new Drone Age or will their impact be more niche and specialist? What economic and legal barriers exist to their development, and can they be overcome? How should the authorities balance the benefits of allowing the freedom to experiment with the potential hazards and risks new technologies create? Outside of military and security purposes, will they have a transformative effect on how we live, or are they more akin to advanced consumer gadget?

Some background readings

[Unmanned Aerial Vehicles and Unmanned Aerial Systems](#) , Big Brother Watch's briefing note on drones

[Drones: time to reach for the skies](#) , by James Woudhuysen, December 2014

[Islamic State conflict: UK 'would repeat Syria drone strike'](#) , BBC News 08-Sept-2015

Venue and Time



In the [University of Salford Campus @ MediaCityUK](#) Plot B4, Salford Quays, M50 2HE. Please arrive in plenty of time for a prompt 2:00pm start - expected to finish around 3:30pm.

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