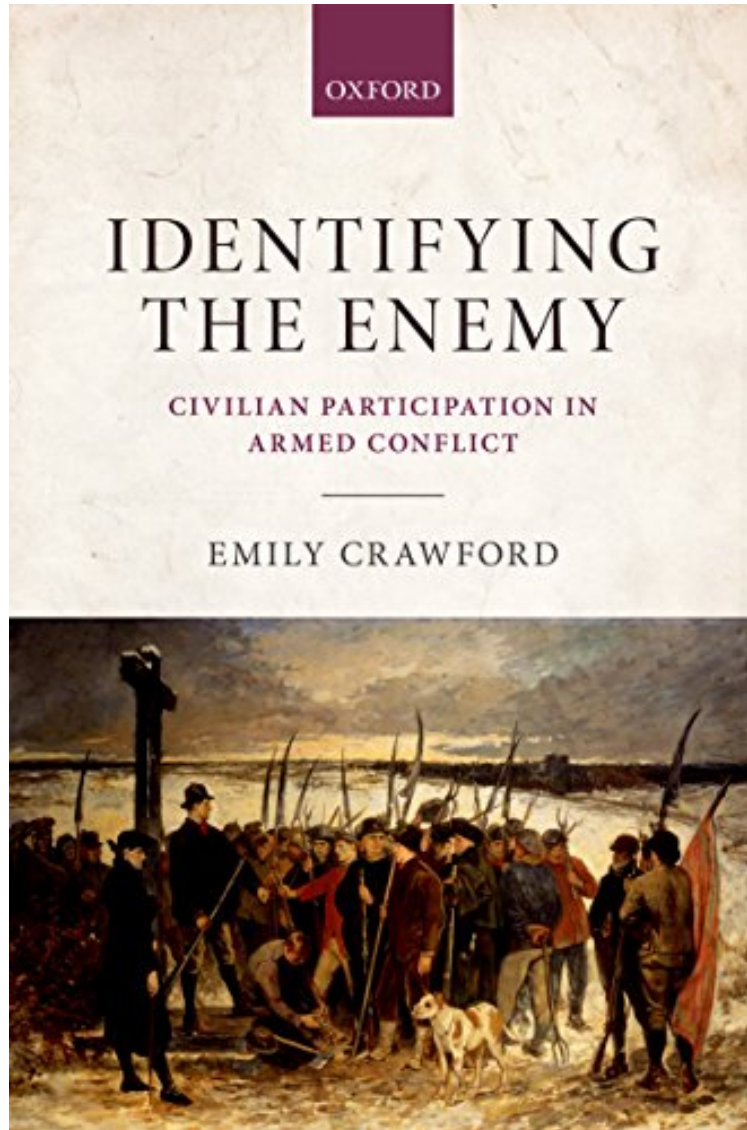


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Kundenrezensionen Hilfreichste Kundenrezensionen 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A different kind of warfare.... Von Phillip Taylor MBEA DIFFERENT KIND OF WARFARE: THE LEGAL REALITIES An appreciation by Phillip Taylor MBE and Elizabeth Taylor of Richmond Green Chambers This book is not only timely, it is anticipatory. The world in general and the West in particular are now at war with the forces of

militant extremism. We are, in other words, in a different kind of war. Published early in 2015 by the Oxford University Press, this title was launched just before the much mentioned war on terror became precisely that, having escalated into what now amounts to a global conflict. The author, Emily Crawford, deals with the major concerns and challenges of modern warfare. The term civilians mentioned in the subtitle refers to those caught in arenas of conflict who are not direct participants. But what, asks Crawford, is direct participation in hostilities in war zones where there is little or no distinction between civilians and military participants? And also what about private security personnel and what about cyber attacks? Clearly, the law of armed conflict, which largely pivots round the traditional distinction between civilian and military, needs to be thoroughly re-examined, which is what Crawford has set out to do in this book, particularly in the first chapter. Reference is made, of course, to the Geneva Convention and there are numerous references, for example, to such theorists as Jean Jacques Rousseau, who argued that the other side has the right to kill its (the hostile states) defenders while they are bearing arms. But as soon as they lay them down and surrender, they cease to be enemies or instruments of the enemy and become once more merely men, whose life no one has any right to take. It is interesting here, that the relevant Protocol of the Geneva Convention states in effect, that if there is any doubt as to the status of a person, the parties to the conflict are obliged to designate such a person as a civilian. But even with all this in mind, it is unarguable that as the author states, the process of correctly and lawfully identifying the enemy and observing (these) principles has become remarkably difficult. The issues tackled particularly in the second part of the book have become all too urgent of late and therefore terrifyingly relevant, i.e. targeted killing remote warfare drones cyber warfare private security contractors and the especially difficult problem of organized criminal activities indistinguishable from armed conflict in scope and intensity. This book is a thoughtful, penetrating, rationally argued and carefully researched examination of the largely intractable problems pertaining to the legalities of modern warfare. Anyone professionally involved in these and related matters, be they in the law, the military, or in government will find this book singularly enlightening and useful. The research in this book is current to January 2015.

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