

T e c h n o w a r

The transformation of war and its diffusion into civilian areas

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- * technology can be considered as dispositive
- * technology co-determines politics, social relations, perception, knowledge, ...
- * warfare always transforms the social and political space
- * the separation of military and civilian terrains has always been a myth
- * military and civilian spheres are particularly connected by technology

~ theses ~

- * world war II was the last "real" war
 - ** realspace disappears into realtime
- * since 1945: increasing fragmentation of war
 - ** deterrence/cold war/hot war/information war/"clean war"/ethnic cleansing/ ...
- * warfare has been transformed into terrorist actions (conducted by the state)
 - ** high-tech war from the air
 - ** there will not be any non-combat areas left in the world
- * reproductive and information technologies are the new battlegrounds
 - ** example 1: connection between atomic bomb and reproductive technology