Heyns's 2013 argument in the Guardian that lethal autonomous robots (LARs) should be banned (argument map)

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