

軍事関連人対象研究の倫理と管理のあり方 (第2報) フランスの法整備と「強化兵士」意見書の分析

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Ethics and regulation of military research involving human subjects
(2) Analysis of French legislation and opinion paper on “enhanced soldier”

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Abstract

In France, a specific review system for research involving human subjects under the protection of national defense secrets was enacted in 2018 within the law on research involving human beings. I analyze this legislation to clarify how military research involving human subjects should be reviewed in comparison with civil research reviews.

In addition to the review system issue, specific ethical norms required for the protection of military personnel as research subjects should be established. In France, such special guidelines for military research involving human subjects, such as the US Department of Defense Instruction, have not been issued thus far. However, an opinion paper on “enhanced soldier” published in December 2020 by the Defense Ethics Committee of the French Military Ministry presents ethical guiding principles and recommendations for military human enhancement research. I analyze this opinion paper to consider issues for the protection of human subjects in military research in general, which could be embodied in the future by an administrative decree for implementing the aforementioned legislation in France.

Key words

The French Law on Research involving Human Beings, research under the protection of national defense secrets, defense-national security research human protection committee, protection of military personnel as research subjects

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