

# ETHICS OF WAR

PHILOSOPHY 5700

SPRING 2014

**Course Description:** There has been a long, intellectual tradition in thinking about the moral justification of war, ranging at least from Thomas Aquinas's writings in the 13<sup>th</sup> century to Michael Walzer's *Just and Unjust Wars* to contemporary work by Jeff McMahan and others. The tradition draws distinctions between the justice of war itself (*jus ad bellum*), restrictions on our conduct within war (*jus in bello*), and our obligations following the conclusion of war (*jus post bellum*). The contemporary advent of terrorism arguably challenges central tenets of this just war tradition, replacing the doctrine of preemption with that of prevention, blurring the distinction between civilians and combatants, accelerating both the speed and potential damage of attacks, and so on. How, if at all, should these features of terrorism lead to a revision of just war principles?

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**Seminar:** January 6, January 8, January 13, 5:00 pm-7:20 pm  
(two other meetings to be scheduled)  
Moore 3014

**Texts:** Allhoff, Fritz, *Terrorism, Ticking Time-Bombs, and Torture* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2012).  
Frowe, Helen, *The Ethics of War and Peace: An Introduction* (New York: Routledge, 2011).  
Orend, Brian, *The Morality of War* (Peterborough, Ontario: Broadview, 2006).

<b>Grading:</b>	Reaction papers	50%
	Attendance/participation	50%

**Reaction Papers:** Before each seminar, you must submit a 1000-word reaction paper to the assigned readings (half exegetical, half critical); it is due in my mailbox by noon of the day we meet.

**Attendance/Participation:** You are required to attend each seminar and to participate. If you miss a seminar, you may turn in a 2,000-word reaction paper within 48 hours of the seminar's start time; this is in lieu of the 1,000-word reaction paper you would have otherwise submitted. You may do this, at most, once.

## SEMINAR AND READING SCHEDULE

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1	1/6	<i>Jus ad bellum</i>	Orend, <i>MoW</i> , ch 1 Frowe, <i>EWP</i> , chs. 1-4
2	1/8	<i>Jus in bello</i>	Frowe, <i>EWP</i> , chs. 5-7
3	1/13	<i>Jus post bellum</i>	Orend, <i>MoW</i> , chs. 6-7 Frowe, <i>EWP</i> , ch. 10
4	TBD	Terrorism	Allhoff, <i>TTBT</i> , chs. 1-2 Frowe, <i>EWP</i> , ch. 8
5	TBD	Torture	<i>Unthinkable</i> (movie) Waldron, "Torture and Positive Law" Allhoff, <i>TTBT</i> , chs. 4-6