

PHIL 235 A01  
Spring 2023  
Ethics of War, Violence and Terrorism

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Course Description

This course engages with contemporary approaches to and selected topics in the ethics of war and other forms of political violence. The material covered in this course includes case studies and survivors' descriptions of their experiences. For this reason you should be prepared to engage with difficult and disturbing materials.

This course is reading-intensive and it requires a good deal of writing as well. It is very important that you keep up with the readings as we go along. The ideal is to do the readings in time to be able to ask questions during lectures.

Evaluation

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| Take-Home Assignments (3 in total)                | 65% |
| Assignment #1 @ 15% (available Jan 26, due Feb 3) |     |
| Assignment #2 @ 25% (available Feb 16, due Mar 3) |     |
| Assignment #3 @ 25% (available Apr 7, due Apr 14) |     |

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| 5-7 page paper                      | 35% |           |    |
| Assignment sheet available Jan 9 22 | 0   | Td(35)Tj0 | Tc |

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Suzanne Uniacke, "The Condition of Last Resort" (MAY)

Uwe Steinhoff, "Just Cause and the Continuous Application of Jus Ad Bellum" (MAY)

Assignment #2 Available Feb 16, Due Mar 3 before midnight

Feb 20-24 READING BREAK

Feb 27-Mar 2

Shannon French, "Distinction and Civilian Immunity" (MAY)

Eric Joseph Ritter, "Drone Warfare and the Principle of Discrimination" (MAY)

Mar 9-13

Steven Lee, "The Moral Problems of Asymmetric Conflict" (MAY)

Laura Sjoberg "Gender, Just War and Non-State Actors" in *Ethics, Authority and War*,  
Eric Heinze and Brent Steele, eds. Palgrave Macmillan: 2009, pp. 151-176. (BCP)

Mar 16-23

Michael Byers, "International Law During Armed Conflict" (BYERS)

Jeff McMahan, "The Morality of War and the Law of War" in *Just and Unjust Warriors: The Moral and Legal Status of Soldiers*, David Rodin and Henry Shue, eds. Oxford University Press: 2008. (BCP)

Adil Ahmad Haque, "Law and Morality" in *Law and Morality at War*. Oxford University Press: 2017, pp. 19-55. (BCP)

Mar 27-30

Christiane Wilke, "High Altitude Legality: Visuality and Jurisdiction in the Adjudication of NATO Air Strikes", *Canadian Journal of Law and Society* 34:2 (2019) (BCP)

Rogier Bartels, Dealing With the Principle of Proportionality in Armed Conflict in Retrospect: The Application of the Principle in International Criminal Trials, *Israel Law Review* 46:2 (2013)