Just War Theory Readings In Social Political Theory

Professional Reading for the USMA Graduate

Contemporary Moral Arguments

This book uses an historical body of knowledge, Just War Theory, as the basis for analyzing modern conflicts involving Armed Non-State Actors who employ force against states. As the global community faces the challenges of globalization, terrorism, 24-hour international news coverage, super power collapse, weapons of mass destruction, and failed states, the author explores whether the historic bodies of knowledge governing decision makers during conflict remain relevant. Tracing the evolution of Just War Theory, he analyzes circumstances involving Armed Non-State Actor (ANSA) groups possessing powerful and destructive capabilities and a desire to use them, and pursues answers to the central research question: how does Just War Theory apply in modern scenarios involving ANSA groups who challenge the state and interstate institution's monopoly on use of force? The study finds that Just War Theory still has the capacity to accommodate modern day statecraft and application in scenarios involving Armed Non-State Actors. This book will be of great interest to those researching and studying in the fields of political theory, security studies, international relations, war and conflict studies, and public ethics.

Walzer and War

Talking And Teaching Human Rights And Peace Not Only Require Strong Convictions But Also The Capacity To Question And Verify Their Logical Foundations As Well As Their Potential To Prevail Over The Equations Of Power Within The World Of Reality.;It Is A Book That Mingles Zeal For Social Transformation With A Critical Intellectual Rigour That Is Resolute In Interrogating The Philosophical Foundations Of Human Rights; Their Political Histories And Their Future Under The New Challenges Attending On The Emergent Worldorder.;The Implications Of The Pedigree Of This Effort Are, Indeed, Far Reaching. Students Of Human Rights, Research Scholars And Policy Makers May Find The Book Useful.;;;;;;;;;Isbn: 8175413247;

Teaching World Politics

How Wilson's religious heritage shaped his response to the Mexican Revolution? The First Amendment of the United States Constitution mandates that government and religious institutions remain separate and independent of each other. Yet, the influence of religion on American leaders and their political decisions cannot be refuted. Leading Them to the Promised Land is the first book to look at how Presbyterian Covenant Theology affected U.S. president Woodrow Wilson's foreign policy during the Mexican Revolution.

Theological Studies

This provocative and timely primer on the just war tradition connects just war to the concrete practices and challenges of the Christian life. Daniel Bell explains that the point is not simply to know the just war tradition but to live it even in the face of the tremendous difficulties associated with war. He shows how just war practice, if it is to be understood as a faithful form of Christian discipleship, must be rooted in and shaped by the fundamental convictions and confessions of the faith. The book includes a foreword by an Army chaplain who has served in Iraq and study questions for group use.

The Right Thing To Do: Basic Readings in Moral Philosophy

Reading from Right to Left

In a world that continues to be riven by armed conflict, the fundamental moral and political questions raised by warfare are as important as ever. Under what circumstances are we justified in going to war? Can conflicts be waged in a ‘moral’ way? Is war an inevitable feature of a world driven by power politics? What are the new ethical challenges raised by new weapons and technology, from drones to swarming attack robots? This book is an engaging and up-to-date examination of these questions and more, penned by a foremost expert in the field. Using many historical cases, it examines all the core disputes and doctrines, ranging from realism to pacifism, from just war theory and international law, to feminism and the democratic peace thesis. Its scope stretches from the primordial causes and perennial drivers of war to the cyber-centric space-age future of armed conflict in the 21st century. War and Political Theory is essential reading for anyone, whether advanced expert or undergraduate, who wants to understand the pressing empirical realities and theoretical issues, historical and contemporary, associated with armed conflict.

Just War Theory

"In the first book to examine the verse produced by Tudor and Stuart monarchs, eight Renaissance scholars demonstrate how monarchs used verse to reflect on their monarchic status and to assert royal policy. As almost all of the poetry of these regal authors is inaccessible, the volume includes a selection of their verse in modernized and newly edited texts, offering an ideal study volume for specialists and the classroom. The contributors examine the nexus of poetry and power from an unconventional New Historicism perspective: from that of the person in power who writes poetry rather than that of the suitor of power. Their approaches to the subject are interdisciplinary, combining literary studies, women's studies, history, the history of sexuality, and manuscript studies.” --

Leading Them to the Promised Land

Available Again! Long before the “shock and awe” campaign against Iraq in March 2003, debates swarmed around the justifications of the U.S.-led war to depose Saddam Hussein. While George W. Bush’s administration declared a just war of necessity, opponents charged that it
was a war of choice, and even opportunism. Behind the rhetoric lie vital questions: when is war just, and what means are acceptable even in the course of a just war? Originally published in 1991, in the wake of the first war against Iraq, Just War Theory explores this essential dilemma. With a new preface by the editor, the essays in this indispensable collection move beyond the theoretical origins of just war theory to examine issues faced by military strategists, politicians, social theorists, and anyone concerned with the provocations and costs of military action. Popular wisdom once claimed that notions of just war would become obsolete with the onset of "total warfare," characterized by attacks on civilians and indiscriminate weapons of mass destruction. While the last decade has been ripe with brutality, just war theory is more critical than ever to the future of international relations and public discourse. This readable collection is an invaluable introduction to the debate.

**Justifying the Obligation to Die**

More than any other contemporary moral problems reader, Contemporary Moral Arguments focuses on the key arguments that have provoked the most debate in recent ethical issues. The book opens with two introductory chapters on critical reasoning and moral theory, which provide the basis for understanding and analyzing the arguments in the subsequent issues chapters (chs. 3-12). In the conventional way, these readings on ethical issues are sorted into 10 topical chapters covering issues such as abortion, sex and marriage, terrorism and torture, economic justice, etc. But the readings within these chapters are organized unconventionally, by argument. Each argument is introduced by a briefing that sketches the argument, provides conceptual backgrounder for it, and reviews some of the main philosophical responses to it. After the briefing come two to four essays presenting the classic statement of the argument, critiques and defenses of it, and discussions of related debates. A wide array of pedagogical features enhances understanding:* Essay questions following each of the 28 argument sections, ideal for writing assignments* Four types of boxes throughout: "Facts and Figures" - statistics on the social, historical and scientific aspects of the chapter's topic* "Public Opinion" - recent opinion polls tracking people's views on moral issues* "Legality" - summaries of important court rulings and other legal matters* "Time Line" - important events relating to the topic* List of key terms at the end of each chapter, all defined in the glossary* Suggestions for further reading

**Just War Theory**

A new edition of the leading book on this subject that takes a serious account of the most recent developments, with new entries on terrorism and counterterrorism.

**The Ethics of War**

This book offers a thorough and accessible analysis of Catholic teaching on war and warmaking from its earliest stages to the present. Moral theologians Thomas Massaro and Thomas A. Shannon begin with a survey of the teachings on war in various religions and denominations and then trace the development of Just War theory and application, review the perspective of several Catholic bishops, comment on the bishops' pastoral letter The Challenge of Peace, address contemporary developments in light of 9-11 and the United States war with Iraq, and conclude with theological reflections. Complete with recommended readings, Catholic Perspectives on Peace and War offers an informative and thoughtful moral analysis that helps readers navigate the rapidly changing terrain of war, warmaking, and peace initiatives.

**The Just War**

With a new foreword by noted theologian and ethicist Stanley Hauerwas, this classic text on war and the ethics of modern statecraft written at the height of the Vietnam era in 1968 speaks to a new generation of readers. Characterized by a sophisticated yet back-to-basics approach, The Just War begins with the assumption that force is a fact in political life which must either be reckoned with or succumbed to. It then grapples with modern challenges to traditional moral principles of 'just conduct' in war, the 'morality of deterrence,' and a 'just war theory of statecraft.'

**Peace and War**

**Analyzing Moral Issues**

This book presents ten original essays that reassess the meaning, relevance, and legacy of Michael Walzer's classic, Just and Unjust Wars. Written by leading figures in philosophy, theology, international politics and the military, the essays examine topics such as territorial rights, lessons from America's wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the practice of humanitarian intervention in light of experience, Walzer's notorious discussion of supreme emergencies, revisionist criticisms of noncombatant immunity, gender and the rights of combatants, the peacebuilding critique of just war theory, and the responsibility of soldiers for unjust wars. Collectively, these essays advance the debate in this important field and demonstrate the continued relevance of Walzer's work.

**The Canadian Journal of Law and Jurisprudence**

Fidel Castro's most original contribution to revolutionary and radical thought has been his development of an explicit ethical position on one of the most controversial issues of our time: violence. This book explores the evolution of Castro's political thinking—and in particular how he philosophically reconciles violence, political power and morality. The author argues that Castro's doctrine of armed struggle is the logical development of his idea of the ethical liberation fighter. At its core is the unrelenting emphasis on the ethical use of violence and the occupation of the moral high ground.

**Just War as Christian Discipleship**

International Social Science Journal

The first book-length study of Aquinas's teaching on just war, its antecedents, and its reception by subsequent thinkers.

**Reading Monarch's Writing**

**The Ethics of War and Peace**

The ethics of war explores the moral limits and possibilities of conflict. The argument proceeds from a just war standpoint which balances rules or principles against the moral capacities and dispositions of belligerents and the particular circumstances in which they act. In this enlarged second edition, a new introduction reflects on the impact of changes to just war thinking and to the practice of war since the book's original publication. The common criticism that traditional just war theory is incoherent, outmoded and in need of radical revision is resisted, and instead, a case is made for an ethics of war rooted in the historic tradition of just war. The concept of just war is compared with realism,
militarism and pacifism; the principles of just recourse and just conduct are examined with the aid of real life examples; and a new third part addresses some of the ethical problems raised by terrorism and counterterrorism.

Fidel's Ethics of Violence

The basis of this collection of essays is the reading of a common topic from different perspectives. Half of the book is devoted to the comparative study of religions and the courses are offered by religion professors. The other half is shaped by social science approaches and the seminar question is given mainly by social science professors. We aim to compare and contrast not only positions, but also methods of learning. We examine theories of the just war in diverse cultural contexts and their disciplinary settings. Space is devoted to the study of papers prepared for this project by specialists in various disciplines, mainly but not exclusively faculty of Bard College and the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Modern Just War Theory

Over more than two millennia, the world's leading religious traditions have provided the guidance in questions of when war can be justified, and of what methods and targets are permissible in war. Linking deep historical analysis to contemporary issues, this volume provides insight to the understanding of the role and influence of religion in the state politics. The book examines the norms of war in Hinduism, in Theravada Buddhism, in Japanese religion, in Judaism, in Roman Catholic Christianity, in Eastern Orthodox Christianity, in Protestant Christianity, in Shia Islam and in Sunni Islam, and discusses norms of war in cross-religious perspective.--Publisher's description.

The Laws of War and the Rules of Peace

Reading from Right to Left adopts the direction of the Hebrew script as a metaphor for the cultural transformation involved in every act of biblical interpretation. It is a concern that has been evident in much of the work of David Clines, to whom this volume is presented on his 65th birthday. Clines, who has been associated with the Department of Biblical Studies in the University of Sheffield for the whole of his scholarly career, and who was one of the founders and directors of Sheffield Academic Press for 25 years, is well known for his distinctively creative and stimulating biblical interpretation. This volume includes thirty-seven essays from established scholars around the world, covering topics including the Pentateuch prophecy, wisdom, ancient Israelite history, Greek tragedy and the ideology of biblical scholarship which go to make up this interesting and varied collection.

Critical Readings in Human Rights and Peace

Contributions to Illuminations: A Scarecrow Press Series of Guides to Research in Religion provide students and scholars, lay readers and clergy, with a road map to research in key areas of religious study. All commonly constructed with introductions to the topic and reviews of key thinkers, concepts, and events, each volume includes surveys of the primary and secondary sources, with critical evaluations of their places in the canon of thought and research on the topic. Focusing primarily on the knowledge required by today's students and scholars, each guide is a must-have for any student of religion. The twentieth century saw an explosion of wars and an accompanying explosion of literature on the morality of war. Thinking among Christian clerics and scholars on the idea of "just war" shifted with developments on the battlefield. Alternatives to just war theory, such as pacifism and realism, found new proponents in the published work of the neo-Anabaptists and Niehburians. Meanwhile, proponents of Christian just war theory had to address challenges from competing ideologies as well as threats presented by the changing nature of warfare. Modern Just War Theory: A Guide to Research, by scholar and librarian Michael Farrell, serves as a resource for students and scholars studying Christian just war theory, helping them navigate the wealth of just war literature produced in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. Farrell's guide provides an introduction to the major developments of just war theory in the twentieth century, including sections on how to research just war theory, an overview of some of the most important theorists and developments of the twentieth century, and discussions of key search terms and related topics. Farrell then surveys and evaluates key primary and secondary sources for researchers on just war theory, as well as related sources on Christian realism and the responses of just war theorists to proponents of pacifism and secular just war theories. Modern Just War Theory will appeal to students and scholars of theology, military history, international law, and Christian ethics.

World Religions and Norms of War

A reference to invasions from the time of Sargon the Great (2334-2279 BCE) to the recent American invasion of Iraq discusses primarily military aspects, but offers information on political and economic concerns when pertinent.

Thomas Aquinas on War and Peace

In recent years questions of ethical responsibility and justice in war have become increasingly significant in international relations. This focus has been precipitated by United States (U.S.) led invasions in Afghanistan and Iraq. In turn, Western conceptions of ethical responsibility have been largely informed by human rights based understandings of morality. This book directly addresses the question of what it means to act ethically in times of war by drawing upon first-hand accounts of U.S. war fighting in Iraq during the 2003 invasion and occupation. The book focuses upon the prominent rights based justification of war of Michael Walzer. Through an in-depth critical reading of Walzer's work, this title demonstrates the broader problems implicit to human rights based justifications of war and elucidates an alternative account of ethical responsibility: ethics as response. Putting forward a compelling case for people to remain troubled and engaged with questions of ethical responsibility in war, this work will be of great interest to students and scholars in a range of areas including international relations theory, ethics and security studies.

De jure belli ac pacis libri tres

"Moral philosophy is the study of how one should live. This anthology is an introduction to the that great subject. The readings cover the main moral theories and present a wealth of ideas about practical matters."--

Just War Theory

One of the state's key features is its ability to oblige its citizens to risk their lives on its behalf by being sent into war. However, what is it about the state (or its equivalent) that makes this obligation justifiable? Justifying the Obligation to Die is the first monograph to explore systematically how this obligation has been justified and, using illustrations from Zionist thought and practice, demonstrates how the various arguments for the obligation have functioned. The obligation to risk one's life for the state is often presumed by theorists and practitioners who take the state for granted, but for the Zionists, a people without a state but in search of one and who have little history of state-based political thought, it became necessary to explain this obligation. As such, this book examines Zionism as a Jewish political theory, reading it alongside the tradition of Western political thought, and critiques how Zionist thought and practice sought to justify this obligation to risk one's life in war. What Michael Walzer termed 'the obligation to die.' Finally, turning to the political thought of Hannah Arendt, the author suggests how the obligation could become justifiable, although never entirely justified. For the obligation to become at all justifiable, the type of politics that the state enables must respect human diversity and individuality and restrict violence so that violence is not a continuation of politics.
The ethics of war

Walzer, Just War and Iraq

CD-ROM contains: “coverage of moral reasoning, writing a paper in moral philosophy, and debating a moral issue.”

Just War in Religion and Politics

Readings in International Law from the Naval War College Review, 1947-1977

Rethinking the Just War Tradition

Just War Theory and Non-State Actors

The ethics of war explores the moral limits and possibilities of war in its diverse forms. The feasibility of the moral limitation of war is upheld. At the same time, war's fragile moral potential is acknowledged and its causes sought. The argument is conducted from a traditional just war standpoint which balances rules or principles against the moral capacities and dispositions of belligerents and the particular circumstances in which they act. In this enlarged second edition, a new introduction addresses the common criticism that traditional just war theory is incoherent, outmoded, and in need of radical revision. Many of the problems attributed to the tradition by ‘revisionists’ are seen to derive from a distortion and oversimplification of the historical tradition. A fuller and more accurate understanding of that tradition can mitigate, or even resolve, these problems. It can also help to fill the gaps left in the ethical agenda of war by analytic ethics. Part I compares the conception of just war with realism, militarism and pacifism. Part II examines the principles of just recourse and just conduct with the aid of real life examples. A new Part III discusses the propriety of defining terrorism and the ethical problems raised by particular aspects of terrorism and counterterrorism, such as, the tension between moral and strategic concerns, the variable moral impact of different forms of terrorism, the status and the moral disposition of the terrorist, the treatment of noncombatants, the resort to preventive war and interrogational torture, and the use of drones and risk-free warfare.

Contemporary Moral Problems

The Ethics of War

The Just War

Encyclopedia of Invasions and Conquests from Ancient Times to the Present

Catholic Perspectives on Peace and War

Contributors seek to promote reasoned debate about emerging security threats and potential military responses.

Justifying the Use of Force

The Ethics of War and Peace is a lively introduction to one of the oldest but still most relevant ethical debates. Focusing on the philosophical questions surrounding the ethics of modern war, Helen Frowe presents contemporary just war theory in a stimulating and accessible way. This 2nd edition includes new material on weapons and technology, and humanitarian intervention, in addition to: theories of self-defence and national defence jus ad bellum, jus in bello and jus post bellum the moral status of combatants the principle of non-combatant immunity and the nature of terrorism and the moral status of terrorists. Each chapter uses examples and concludes with a summary, discussion questions and suggestions for further reading to aid student engagement, learning and revision. The glossary has been expanded to cover the full range of relevant terminology. This is the ideal textbook for students of philosophy and politics approaching this important area for the first time.

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