

Just War Theory Project Publishes Volume in Journal of Military Ethics

The ACUNS Just War Theory Project has published a special issue in the *Journal of Military Ethics*. The topic of the volume is the continuing challenges to world public order that are still posed by unresolved questions about the legitimacy of anticipatory self-defense and humanitarian intervention, and how the just war tradition can contribute to resolving those questions. The volume was edited and published in conjunction with the Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO) in Norway. The special issue was launched by the Project's director, Davis Brown, at PRIO on September 9.



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The articles in the special issue, like the Just War Theory Project itself, are multi-disciplinary in approach, with authors trained in international relations, international law, political philosophy, and religion. They systematically address the application of five just war criteria to the problems of anticipatory self-defense and humanitarian intervention.

Davis Brown (University of Virginia) takes up the criterion Proper Authority and argues against its evolution into something multilateral or judicial. Joseph Boyle (University of Toronto) examines the application of the criterion Just Cause to anticipatory self-defense, offering a distinction between defense and punishment. Henrik Friberg-Fernros (University of Gothenburg) explores whether humanitarian intervention is a right or a duty, and in doing so exposes a tension between the just war tradition and the Responsibility to Protect.

Darrell Cole (Drew University) and Fernando Tesón (Florida State University) offer treatments of the criterion Right Intent: Cole argues that the real intent of an actor can be deduced from observable manifestations of the act; Tesón highlights the distinction between intent and motive, showing how the two are often confused and even misused. Brown then follows with an exploration of the criterion Proportionality, offering a legal, tort-like approach based on the international law of state responsibility. Frances Harbour (George Mason University) takes up the under-studied criterion Reasonable Prospect of Success and calls for a reframing of the meanings of "prospect" and "success." Finally, Walter Dorn proffers a novel approach to judging war: by using a numerical index to quantify the degree of justness (or unjustness) of an armed conflict, rather than labeling it dichotomously just or unjust.

The Just War Theory Project was launched under the auspices of ACUNS in 2007, as a multi-disciplinary network of scholars and professionals to examine the role of military force in maintaining world public order.