

National Research University – Higher School of Economics
School of Philosophy
Syllabus of the course: “The Problematic of War and Peace in Philosophy and World Religions”
Master’s program “International Relations in Euroasia.”

Government of the Russian Federation

National Research University Higher School of Economics

Department of Philosophy

Syllabus of the course:
The problems of War and Peace in Philosophy and World Religions.
Master’s program “International Relations in Eurasia”

Author of the syllabus:
Boris Kashnikov, Doctor of Science, Professor.

Moscow, 2019

1 Course Description

This is a course in applied philosophy of war and peace, which is integrative and interdisciplinary due to its very nature. The course offers a substantial study of the facts, theory and normative aspects of war and peace. The students will get acquainted with the major historical facts and theories of war as well as with some practical normative approaches related to pacifism, political realism, militarism and just war theory. This course is based on knowledge and competences which were provided by such disciplines as Introductions to Philosophy, Elementary Political Science, General Sociology and General History of religion. The following knowledge and competences are needed to study the discipline: The basic skills of philosophical and normative analysis, the basic knowledge of facts of European history of war and history of religion, the knowledge of basic theories of political science and the theory of international relations as well as the ability to apply them.

2 Learning Objectives and Outcomes

The major learning objectives are focused on the development of skills of normative analysis and sound practical ethical judgments related to the matters of war and peace, based on thorough factual, theoretical and normative knowledge of war. The course will endow the students with the ability to take part in the discussions related to the normative aspects of the contemporary war in broader meaning of the term “war” including terrorism, revolutionary violence, genocide and war proper.

3 Course Plan

№	Topic	Total hours	Work in the class	
			Lectures	Seminars
1.	Nature, meaning and short history of war	4	2	2
2.	The Four Horsemen of Apocalypse. War, Genocide, Revolution and Terrorism.	4	2	2
3.	The normative attitudes to war in philosophy and religion: Pacifism, Realism and Militarism	8	4	4
4.	Just war theory as philosophical and religious doctrine. Theoretical development of the doctrine from St. Augustine to Walzer.	8	4	4
5.	The normative principles of war in philosophy, religions and international law. Jus in bello and Jus ad Bellum.	4	2	2
6.	Holy War in Christian and Islamic tradition. The contemporary transformation of war. The threat of absolute war.	4	2	2
Total:		32	16	16

1. Nature, meaning and short history of war

1. The definitions and conceptions of war. Different definitions of war. The major features of war as an institute. The problem of the embeddedness of war in human history. War and progress. Total war. Absolute war. War and religion. War and philosophy.

2. Clausewitz “On War”. War as continuation of politics by other means. War as a duel. Absolute and limited war. The aim of war. The conception of “trinity”. The friction of war and the “fog of war”. Military

genius. Military strategy and tactics. The goals of war. The influence of Clausewitz on the consequent military and political thought.

3. The reason and motives of war. War and reason. Rationality and war. The reasons for war. Interests and war. Honor and war. Standing and war. Fear and war. War of aggression and self-defense. National-liberation movements and war. Humanitarian intervention.

4. The modes of warfare. Insurgency. Partisanship. Asymmetric warfare. Strategic air war. Little wars. Nuclear war. War of attrition. Terror war. Ideological war. Digital war. Economic war. Blockade. Cyber war. Religious wars.

5. The pre human warfare. Aggression in nature. Konrad Lorenz “On Aggression”. Sociobiology and the survival of the fittest. The “militancy” of apes and the traces of war in early hominids.

6. War and human nature. Hobbesian tradition of human nature. Rousseau and the conception of the “noble savage”. Hume and the double nature of human beings. The contemporary conceptions of human violence. The cultural conception. The biological conception. Game theoretical approach.

7. War in hunter-gather society. 99% of human history was history of cave man. Anthropology of primitive warfare. Archeology of warfare. The necessity of war. War as way of life.

8. War in agrarian society. The emergence of sedentary way of life and the clash with nomads. The emergence of vast empires and class differentiation. The regional and social inequality. The conception of the class nature of war.

9. War in industrial society. The emergence of contemporary state. “War made state, states made war”. Gun powder and war. Military technologies. Standing armies. Conscription. Strategy. Reason d’état.

10. War and postmodern condition. Postmodern war. The changing nature of sovereignty. Global condition. Politics as continuation of war. Globalization and permanent war. Global police operations. Permanent war.

Optional readings:

Black, J. *Why Wars Happen*. Chicago: Reaction books, 2005. URL:

[https://proxylibrary.hse.ru:2448/ehost/results?vid=3&sid=3e976eb7-edfd-4e7e-b78e-fc46e30c4d6e%40sessionmgr4008&bquery=\(JN+%22Why+Wars+Happen%22\)+AND+FT+Y&bdata=JmRiPTMwaCZ0eXBIPTE%3d](https://proxylibrary.hse.ru:2448/ehost/results?vid=3&sid=3e976eb7-edfd-4e7e-b78e-fc46e30c4d6e%40sessionmgr4008&bquery=(JN+%22Why+Wars+Happen%22)+AND+FT+Y&bdata=JmRiPTMwaCZ0eXBIPTE%3d) – EBSCO Host.

Clausewitz, Carl von. Howard, Michael; Paret, Peter (eds.) *On War* [Vom Krieg] (Indexed ed.). New Jersey: Princeton University Press, 1984. URL: <https://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/hselibrary-ebooks/detail.action?docID=3328255> - ProQuest Ebook Central - Academic Complete.

Dawes, J. *Evil Man*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2013. URL:

<https://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/hselibrary-ebooks/detail.action?docID=3301295> - ProQuest Ebook Central - Academic Complete.

Evera, S. van. *Causes of War: Power and the Roots of Conflict*. Itaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 1998. URL: <https://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/hselibrary-ebooks/detail.action?docID=3138418> - ProQuest Ebook Central - Academic Complete.

Gat, Azar. *War in Human Civilization*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2008. (355/359 G25 in HSE Library)

Grayling, A.C. *War. An Enquiry*. New Haven and London: Yale University Press, 2017. URL:

<https://proxylibrary.hse.ru:2448/ehost/detail/detail?vid=0&sid=3e716114-be7d-45b7-bc26-dedf4d920c35%40sdc-v-sessmgr02&bdata=#AN=1494428&db=nlebk> - EBSCO Host.

Lorenz, Conrad. *On Aggression*. London: Routledge, 2002.

Malesevic, Sinisa. *The Rise of Organized Brutality. A Historical Sociology of Violence*. Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 2017.

Required Reading:

1. Grayling, A.C. *War. An Enquiry*. New Haven and London: Yale University Press, 2017. P. 81-117
2. Clausewitz, Carl von. Howard, Michael; Paret, Peter (eds.) *On War* [Vom Krieg] (Indexed ed.).

National Research University – Higher School of Economics
School of Philosophy
Syllabus of the course: “The Problematic of War and Peace in Philosophy and World Religions”
Master’s program “International Relations in Euroasia.”

New Jersey: Princeton University Press, 1984. Book One. On the Nature of War.

3. Grayling, A.C. War. An Enquiry. New Haven and London: Yale University Press, 2017. P. 117-187.
4. Malesevic, Sinisa. The Rise of Organized Brutality. A Historical Sociology of Violence. Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 2017. 142-174.
5. Lorenz, Conrad. On Aggression. London: Routledge, 2002. P. 20-45.
6. Gat, Azar. War in Human Civilization. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2006. P. 3-10.
7. Grayling, A.C. War. An Enquiry. New Haven and London: Yale University Press, 2017. P. 13-49.
8. Grayling, A.C. War. An Enquiry. New Haven and London: Yale University Press, 2017. P. 13-49.
9. Grayling, A.C. War. An Enquiry. New Haven and London: Yale University Press, 2017. P. 49-81.
10. Grayling, A.C. War. An Enquiry. New Haven and London: Yale University Press, 2017. P. 216-230.

2. The Four Horsemen of Apocalypse. War, Genocide, Revolution and Terrorism.

1. The nature of violence. Violence and force. The meaning of violence. Structural violence. Institutional violence. Violence and law. Violence and civilization.

2. Genocide. Genocide in history of civilization. Genocide and modernity. The modern cases of genocide. Genocide in international law.

3. Revolutionary violence and insurgency. Tyrannicide. Coup d'état. The war of Partisan. National liberation war. Fanon and his “Wretched of the Earth”. Revolutions. Dostoyevsky and “The Devils”. The early evaluations of revolutionary violence. The possible justifications of uprisings.

4. State repressions. Early conceptions of the permissible level of state violence in Augustine and Aquinas. Absolutism in Europe. Hobbes on the prerogative of sovereign power. Nazism. Bauman and “Modernity and the Holocaust”. Purges in the USSR. Mccarthyism in the USA. “Discipline and Punish” by Foucault. Contemporary problems with the prerogative of the government.

5. Criminal violence. Crime and society. Criminality as subculture. Violence in detention facilities. The phenomenon of Gulag. “Thief’s law”. Mafia and mafia’s wars. Mafia and the state. The role of religion in criminal violence.

6. Terror, war and violence. The nature of terrorism. The distinction of terror and terrorism. Terrorism as communicative action. Game theoretical approach to terrorism. Terrorism and the major forms of violence. Terrorism as fact and value. The subjective nature of “terroristic” labelling.

7. The classification of terrorism. Affective terrorism. Traditional terrorism. Value-rational terrorism. Rational terrorism. Post modern (global terrorism)

8. Jacobin’s terror, French revolution and terrorism. The demonstrative and mythological nature of French terrorism. The justification of terror.

9. Revolutionary terrorism of the late 19th early 20th century. Revolutionary spirit of the 19th century Europe. The case of Russian revolutionary terrorism.

10. Terrorism of the second half of the 20th century. Red brigades. IRA terrorism. Shri Lanka and terrorism of the national liberation movement.

11. Terrorism on the “Holy land”. Terrorism of the early Jewish state. Early Palestinian terrorism. The counter terrorism of Israel.

12. Contemporary terrorism. The case of Chechnya. The emergence and nature of Chechen terrorism. The sources of terrorism. The contemporary condition.

13. Contemporary terrorism. The case of ISIS and Al-Qaeda. The idea of global terrorism. The case of Al-Qaeda. The case of ISIS.

Optional readings:

Bloom, Mia. *Dying to Kill: The Allure of Suicide Terror*. New York: Columbia University Press, 2005. URL: <https://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/hselibrary->

[ebooks/reader.action?docID=3027865&query=Dying+to+Kill%3A+The+Allure+of+Suicide+Terror.+New+York](https://www.proquest.com/ebooks/reader.action?docID=3027865&query=Dying+to+Kill%3A+The+Allure+of+Suicide+Terror.+New+York) - ProQuest Ebook Central - Academic Complete.

Malesevic, Sinisa. *The Rise of Organized Brutality. A Historical Sociology of Violence*. Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 2017.

Khosrokhavar, F. *Inside jihadism: understanding jihadi movements worldwide* / F. Khosrokhavar. – London; New York: Routledge, 2016. (32 K42 in HSE Library)

Steinhoff, Uwe. *On the Ethics of War and Terrorism*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2007. URL: <http://proxylibrary.hse.ru:2225/view/10.1093/acprof:oso/9780199217373.001.0001/acprof-9780199217373> - Oxford Scholarship on Line.

Fotion, Nick, Kashnikov, Boris and Lekea, Joanne. *Terrorism. The New Word’s Disorder*. London: Continuum, 2007.

Required Reading:

1. Malesevic, Sinisa. *The Rise of Organized Brutality. A Historical Sociology of Violence*. Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 2017. P. 9-40.
2. Malesevic, Sinisa. *The Rise of Organized Brutality. A Historical Sociology of Violence*. Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 2017. P. 211-249.
3. Malesevic, Sinisa. *The Rise of Organized Brutality. A Historical Sociology of Violence*. Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 2017. P. 174-211.
4. Hewlett, Nick. *Blood and Progress. Violence in Pursuit of Emancipation*. Edinburg: Edinburg University Press, 2016. P. 41-77.
5. Malesevic, Sinisa. *The Rise of Organized Brutality. A Historical Sociology of Violence*. Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 2017. P. 281-308.
6. Fotion, Nick, Kashnikov Boris and Lekea, Joanne. *Terrorism. The New Word’s Disorder*. London: Continuum, 2007. P. 1-17.
7. Malesevic, Sinisa. *The Rise of Organized Brutality. A Historical Sociology of Violence*. Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 2017. P.249-281.
8. Fotion, Nick, Kashnikov Boris and Lekea, Joanne. *Terrorism. The New Word’s Disorder*. London: Continuum, 2007. P. 35-41.
9. Fotion, Nick, Kashnikov Boris and Lekea, Joanne. *Terrorism. The New Word’s Disorder*. London: Continuum, 2007. P. 24-31.
10. Fotion, Nick, Kashnikov Boris and Lekea, Joanne. *Terrorism. The New Word’s Disorder*. London: Continuum, 2007. P. 41-54.
11. Fotion, Nick, Kashnikov Boris and Lekea, Joanne. *Terrorism. The New Word’s Disorder*. London: Continuum, 2007. P. 63-70.
12. Fotion, Nick, Kashnikov Boris and Lekea, Joanne. *Terrorism. The New Word’s Disorder*. London: Continuum, 2007. P. 58-63.
13. Fotion, Nick, Kashnikov Boris and Lekea, Joanne. *Terrorism. The New Word’s Disorder*. London: Continuum, 2007. P. 73-77.

3. The normative attitudes to war in philosophy and religion: Pacifism, Realism and Militarism.

1. **War and normativity.** The normative nature of war. Military virtues and values. Cohesion. Military and the state.
2. **Absolute pacifism.** The unreasonableness of absolute pacifism. Religious absolute pacifism. Pacifism of Tolstoy.
3. **Contingent pacifism.** The classification of contingent pacifisms. Political pacifism. Individual pacifism. Nuclear pacifism. Pacifism and feminism.
4. **Pacifism and contemporary political movements.** Pacifism and the contemporary left movement. Pacifism and environmentalism.
5. **Religious pacifism.** Pacifism in sectarian Christianity. Pacifism of Quakers. Pacifism in Buddhism.

6. Militarism. Absolute militarism of some ancient cultures. War as an way of life and an end in itself. Military values. Kant on sublimity of war. Hegel on virtues of war and degeneration of peace. Militarism of Mussolini. Contingent militarism.

7. Early realism. Thucydides. On Peloponnesian war. The general approach of Thucydides. Melian dialogue.

8. Realism and early modernity. Machiavelli and Hobbes. Machiavelli on war. Hobbes on state of war, prerogative and international relations.

9. Realism of the 20th century. Realism in international politics of the 20th century. Henry Kissinger.

10. American realism of Niebuhr and Morgenthau. Moral man and immoral society. Politics among nations. The struggle for power and peace. Pessimism. The realism of Greek tragedy. Lebow and “Why nations fight”.

11. Contemporary realism and contemporary politics. The emergence of global sovereign. The transformation of realism through just war theory.

Optional readings:

Cady, Duane L. *From Warism to Pacifism. A Moral Continuum*. Second Edition. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: Temple University Press, 2010. URL: <https://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/hselibrary-ebooks/detail.action?docID=585155> - ProQuest Ebook Central - Academic Complete.

Coates, A.J. *The Ethics of War*. Manchester: Manchester University Press, 1977. URL: <https://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/hselibrary-ebooks/detail.action?docID=833429> - ProQuest Ebook Central - Academic Complete.

Craig, Campbell. *Glimmer of a New Leviathan : Total War in the Realism of Niebuhr, Morgenthau, and Waltz*. New York: Columbia University Press, 2003. URL: <https://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/hselibrary-ebooks/detail.action?docID=909145> - ProQuest Ebook Central - Academic Complete.

Fiala, Andrew. *Practical Pacifism*. New York: Algora Publishing, 2004. URL: <https://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/hselibrary-ebooks/detail.action?docID=318695> - ProQuest Ebook Central - Academic Complete.

Harrison, Wagner R. *War and the State : The Theory of International Politics*. Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan Press, 2010. URL: <https://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/hselibrary-ebooks/detail.action?docID=3414756> - ProQuest Ebook Central - Academic Complete.

Tolstoy, Leo. *The Kingdom of God is within you*. Any edition

Required Reading:

1. Grayling, A.C. *War. An Enquiry*. New Haven and London: Yale University Press, 2017. P. 187-216.
2. Leo Tolstoy. *The Kingdom of God is within you*. Any edition. Chapter 8. Doctrine of Non-resistance to Evil by Force Must Inevitably Be Accepted by Men of the Present Day.
3. Fiala, Andrew. *The Just War Myth. The Moral Illusions of War*. Lanham: Rowman and Littlefield, 2008. P. 161-177.
4. Coates, A.J. *The Ethics of War*. Manchester: Manchester University Press, 1977. P. 77-96.
5. Coppeters, Bruno, Fotion, Nick (eds.). *Moral Constraints on War, Principles and Cases*. Second Edition. Lanham: Lexington Books, 2008. P. 7-10.
6. Coates, A.J. *The Ethics of War*. Manchester: Manchester University Press, 1977. P.40-77.
7. Walzer, Michael. *Arguing About War*. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 2004. P.3-21.
8. Walzer, Michael. *Arguing About War*. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 2004. P. 21- 34.
9. Craig, Campbell. *Glimmer of a New Leviathan : Total War in the Realism of Niebuhr, Morgenthau, and Waltz*. New York: Columbia University Press, 2003. P. 32-74.
10. Craig, Campbell. *Glimmer of a New Leviathan : Total War in the Realism of Niebuhr, Morgenthau, and Waltz*. New York: Columbia University Press, 2003. P. 32-74.

11. Craig, Campbell. *Glimmer of a New Leviathan : Total War in the Realism of Niebuhr, Morgenthau, and Waltz*. New York: Columbia University Press, 2003. P. 74 - 98.

4. Just war theory as philosophical and religious doctrine. Theoretical development from St. Augustine to Walzer.

1. St. Augustine and the foundation of the Just War Theory. The unique plight of Christianity as state religion. The blend of Roman militarism and Christian pacifism. The sinful violence versus non sinful violence. The sin of hate, the virtue of chastity. Just cause. Good intentions. Legitimate authority. The roots of crusading in the writings of Augustine.

2. St. Thomas and the establishment of the Just War Theory. The nature of war in the middle ages. Two cultures. Just war theory as official normative conception of war of Res publica Christiana. The justification of uprising.

3. Francisco de Vitoria. The revitalization of the Just War Theory. The new formulations of the major principles. The practical role of the just war theory. De Indis. The critique of violence of the Spanish politics in colonies.

4. Hugo Grotius. The secularization of the Just War Theory and the emergence of the international law. The completion of the just war theory. The transformation of the just war theory into secular international law. The major principles of international law.

5. The reemergence of Just War Theory. Walzer, “Just and Unjust Wars” and sovereignty paradigm. The justice of self-defense. The conception of supreme emergency. Preventive war and preventive war. The possibility of limited intervention. The set of principles. Cases.

6. Latest developments. Human rights paradigm. Just combatants versus unjust combatants. Human rights and the necessity of their global support. The justification of humanitarian intervention. The justice of war on terror.

7. The contemporary implications of the just war theory. Ideology of justice. Just war theory and the war on Serbia. The war on Libya. The war on Iraq. Afghanistan. Just war theory as official ideology of war in the USA and Great Britain.

8. The critique of the Just War Theory. An inadequate conception of justice. The mistake in normative settings. The wrong assumptions. Does justice justify war? The impossibility of just war in the contemporary setting.

Optional readings:

Christopher, Paul. *The Ethics of War and Peace. An Introduction to Legal and Moral Issues*. Second Edition. Upper Saddle River, New Jersey: Prentice Hall, 1999.

Keen, Maurice Hugh. *The Laws of War in the Late Middle Ages*. London: Routledge: K. Paul, 1965. (9 K28 In HSE Library)

McMahan, Jeff. *Killing in War*. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 2009. URL:

<https://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/hselibrary-ebooks/detail.action?docID=431111> - ProQuest Ebook Central - Academic Complete.

Rodin, David. *War and Self-Defense*. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 2003. URL:

<http://proxylibrary.hse.ru:2225/view/10.1093/0199257744.001.0001/acprof-9780199257744> - Oxford Scholarship on Line.

Walzer, Michael. *Arguing About War*. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 2004. URL:

<https://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/hselibrary-ebooks/detail.action?docID=3420155> - ProQuest Ebook Central - Academic Complete.

Rawls, John. *The Law of Peoples*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1999.

Fiala, Andrew. *The Just War Myth. The Moral Illusions of War*. Lanham: Rowman and Littlefield, 2008. URL:

<https://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/hselibrary-ebooks/detail.action?docID=1351109> - ProQuest Ebook Central - Academic Complete.

Required Reading:

1. Christopher, Paul. *The Ethics of War and Peace. An Introduction to Legal and Moral Issues*. Second Edition. Upper Saddle River, New Jersey: Prentice Hall, 1999. P. 29-47.
2. Christopher, Paul. *The Ethics of War and Peace. An Introduction to Legal and Moral Issues*. Second Edition. Upper Saddle River, New Jersey: Prentice Hall, 1999. P. 47-53.
3. Christopher, Paul. *The Ethics of War and Peace. An Introduction to Legal and Moral Issues*. Second Edition. Upper Saddle River, New Jersey: Prentice Hall, 1999. P. 53-65.
4. Christopher, Paul. *The Ethics of War and Peace. An Introduction to Legal and Moral Issues*. Second Edition. Upper Saddle River, New Jersey: Prentice Hall, 1999. P. 66-81.
5. Cady, Duane L. *From Warism to Pacifism. A Moral Continuum*. Second Edition. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: Temple University Press, 2010. P. 31-47.
6. Walzer, Michael. *Arguing About War*. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 2004. P. 34-51.
7. Rawls, John. *The Law of Peoples*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1999.
8. Fiala, Andrew. *The Just War Myth. The Moral Illusions of War*. Lanham: Rowman and Littlefield, 2008. P. 3-15.

5. The normative principles of war in philosophy and religions. Jus in bello and Jus ad Bellum.

- 1. The nature of principles of the just war.** Norms, principles and rules. The principles with no empirical foundation. The wishful thinking character of the principles. Principles with no definite rules.
- 2. Just cause.** Self-defense versus the defense of others. Promotions of values. Aggression. The problem of self-defense.
- 3. Good intentions.** The subjectivity of intentions. The problem of measurement. Intentions and motives. Intentions and means.
- 4. Legitimate authority.** The problem of legitimation. What makes authority? State sovereignty. The authority of international law and international institutions. The legitimacy of separatism. The legitimacy of Nazism. What legitimates the Nurnberg tribunal? The doubtful legitimacy of NATO interventions.
- 5. Last resort.** What makes resort last. The problem of criteria.
- 6. Proportionality.** The proportional and disproportional violence. The subjectivity of principles. Impossibility of universally valid rules.
- 7. Reasonable chance of success.** Risk loving and risk aversive behavior. The impossibility of common rules of success. What makes success. Moral and rational dimension of success. The subjectivity of values.
- 8. The general idea of limited and constrained war.** The historical tradition of constrained war. Chivalry. The wars of mercenaries of the early modernity. The tradition of constrained war in ancient Greece and India.
- 9. Proportionality.** Proportionality in strategy and tactics of war. The cases of proportional and disproportional war. The subjectivity of the principles.
- 10. Discrimination.** The distinction of combatants and noncombatants at war. The grows of deaths among civilians in contemporary war.
- 11. Geneva law.** The sequence of statutes.
- 12. Hague Law.** The early and contemporary statutes.
- 13. ICRC and humanitarian law of war.** The legacy of Henri Dunant. The spirit of Solferino. The emergence of International Red Cross. Promulgation of humanitarian law in national legal systems.
- 14. The contemporary implications of humanitarian law.** International court of justice. The Haag tribunal. The problems with the implementation of international law.

Optional readings:

Coppetiers, Bruno, Fotion, Nick (eds.). *Moral Constraints on War, Principles and Cases*. Second Edition. Lanham: Lexington Books, 2008.

Geras, Norman. *Crimes Against Humanity: Birth of a Concept*. New York: Manchester University Press, 2011. URL: <https://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/hselibrary->

[ebooks/detail.action?docID=1069711&query=Crimes+Against+Humanity%3A+The+Struggle+for+Global+Justice](https://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/hselibrary/ebooks/detail.action?docID=1069711&query=Crimes+Against+Humanity%3A+The+Struggle+for+Global+Justice) - ProQuest Ebook Central - Academic Complete.

Daniel Thürer and Daniel Thurer. *International Humanitarian Law : Theory, Practice, Context*. Ail Pocket, 2011.
URL: [https://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/hselibrary-ebooks/reader.action?docID=1112628&query=Development+and+Principles+of+International+Humanitarian+Law](https://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/hselibrary/ebooks/reader.action?docID=1112628&query=Development+and+Principles+of+International+Humanitarian+Law) - ProQuest Ebook Central - Academic Complete.

Required Reading:

1. Coppetiers, Bruno, Fotion, Nick (eds.). *Moral Constraints on War, Principles and Cases*. Second Edition. Lanham: Lexington Books, 2008. P. 10-14.
2. Coppetiers, Bruno, Fotion, Nick (eds.). *Moral Constraints on War, Principles and Cases*. Second Edition. Lanham: Lexington Books, 2008. P.27-55.
3. Coppetiers, Bruno, Fotion, Nick (eds.). *Moral Constraints on War, Principles and Cases*. Second Edition. Lanham: Lexington Books, 2008. P. 73-101.
4. Coppetiers, Bruno, Fotion, Nick (eds.). *Moral Constraints on War, Principles and Cases*. Second Edition. Lanham: Lexington Books, 2008. P. 55-73.
5. Coppetiers, Bruno, Fotion, Nick (eds.). *Moral Constraints on War, Principles and Cases*. Second Edition. Lanham: Lexington Books, 2008. P. 139-155.
6. Coppetiers, Bruno, Fotion, Nick (eds.). *Moral Constraints on War, Principles and Cases*. Second Edition. Lanham: Lexington Books, 2008. P.125-139.
7. Coppetiers, Bruno, Fotion, Nick (eds.). *Moral Constraints on War, Principles and Cases*. Second Edition. Lanham: Lexington Books, 2008. P. 101-125.
8. Coppetiers, Bruno, Fotion, Nick (eds.). *Moral Constraints on War, Principles and Cases*. Second Edition. Lanham: Lexington Books, 2008. P. 155-159.
9. Coppetiers, Bruno, Fotion, Nick (eds.). *Moral Constraints on War, Principles and Cases*. Second Edition. Lanham: Lexington Books, 2008. P. 159-171.
10. Coppetiers, Bruno, Fotion, Nick (eds.). *Moral Constraints on War, Principles and Cases*. Second Edition. Lanham: Lexington Books, 2008. P. 171-195.
11. Daniel Thürer and Daniel Thurer. *International Humanitarian Law : Theory, Practice, Context*. Ail Pocket, 2011
12. Daniel Thürer and Daniel Thurer. *International Humanitarian Law : Theory, Practice, Context*. Ail Pocket, 2011
13. Daniel Thürer and Daniel Thurer. *International Humanitarian Law : Theory, Practice, Context*. Ail Pocket, 2011
14. Daniel Thürer and Daniel Thurer. *International Humanitarian Law : Theory, Practice, Context*. Ail Pocket, 2011

6. Holy War in Christian and Islamic tradition. The contemporary transformation of war.

1. **Two cultures, different traditions.** The relevance of religion for the conduct of statecraft. The challenges to realist paradigm. The debate over importance of civilization in politics. War for religion and cultural tradition
2. **The idea of Holy War.** The faces of Holy War. The meanings of Holy War. The comparison of Holy War and Just War.
3. **Holy War and the Question of justification.** The two words concept. The historical development in justification of war. The idea of Jihad in Shaybani’s Siyar. Augustinian idea of two cities and holy war. The concept of Jihad in Farabi.
4. **Authority to make Holy War.** Authority to make war in Western tradition. Authority to make war in Islam. Rival claims to authority.

5. The conduct in Holy War. Restrain in Holy war in Western tradition. The conduct of war in normative Islamic tradition.

6. Holy War and the practice of justification. Worldly authorities and the success of God’s plan. The Islamic ideal of religio-political unity. The Islamic juristic ideal and practice of statecraft. The idea of defensive Jihad. Ghaza – war for the faith. Appropriating the models for Jihad in modern practice. Individual duty and the right to wage Jihad.

7. Asymmetric warfare. Major features of asymmetric warfare. Terrorism as the result of asymmetries.

8. New technologies. Precision weapons. Drones. Enhanced soldier equipment. Drugs.

9. Moral problem of drone war. Major stages of drone war. Characteristics of drones.

10. Cyber war. The consequences of cyber war.

11. Private military companies. Mercenaries and the specificity of mercenary war. Major contemporary private military companies. The moral consequences of the involvement of private military companies.

12. War without victory. The meaning of victory. The characteristic of victory. Victory as a combination of motives, means and goals. The glimmer of absolute war.

Optional readings:

Johnson, James Turner. *The Holy War Idea in Western and Islamic Traditions*. University Park, Pennsylvania: The Pennsylvania State University Press, 2001.

Firestone, Reuven. *Jihād: The Origin of Holy War in Islam*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2002. URL: <http://proxylibrary.hse.ru:2225/view/10.1093/acprof:oso/9780195154948.001.0001/acprof-9780195154948> - Oxford Scholarship on Line.

Baarda van Th.A. and Verweij, D.E.M. (eds.) *Moral Dimension of Asymmetrical Warfare*. Leiden and Boston: Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, 2009. URL: <https://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/hselibrary-ebooks/detail.action?docID=489388> – Brill, 2009.

Gross, Michael L. *Moral Dilemmas of Modern War. Torture, Assassination and Blackmail in an Age of Asymmetric Conflict*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010. URL: <https://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/hselibrary-ebooks/detail.action?docID=472005> - ProQuest Ebook Central - Academic Complete.

Johnson, Dominic. *Failing to Win. Perceptions of Victory and Defeat in International Politics*. Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 2006. URL: <https://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/hselibrary-ebooks/detail.action?docID=3300130> - Academic Complete.

Required Reading:

1. Johnson, James Turner. *The Holy War Idea in Western and Islamic Traditions*. University Park, Pennsylvania: The Pennsylvania State University Press, 2001. P. 1-29.
2. Johnson, James Turner. *The Holy War Idea in Western and Islamic Traditions*. University Park, Pennsylvania: The Pennsylvania State University Press, 2001. P. 29-47.
3. Johnson, James Turner. *The Holy War Idea in Western and Islamic Traditions*. University Park, Pennsylvania: The Pennsylvania State University Press, 2001. P. 47-77.
4. Johnson, James Turner. *The Holy War Idea in Western and Islamic Traditions*. University Park, Pennsylvania: The Pennsylvania State University Press, 2001. P. 77-101.
5. Johnson, James Turner. *The Holy War Idea in Western and Islamic Traditions*. University Park, Pennsylvania: The Pennsylvania State University Press, 2001. P. 101-129.
6. Johnson, James Turner. *The Holy War Idea in Western and Islamic Traditions*. University Park, Pennsylvania: The Pennsylvania State University Press, 2001. P. 129-169.
7. Grayling, A.C. *War. An Enquiry*. New Haven and London: Yale University Press, 2017. P. 216-230.
8. Christopher, Paul. *The Ethics of War and Peace. An Introduction to Legal and Moral Issues*. Second Edition. Upper Saddle River, New Jersey: Prentice Hall, 1999. P. 214-239.
9. Singer, P.W. *The Ethics of Killer Applications: Why Is It So Hard To Talk About Morality When It Comes to New Military Technology?* *Journal of Military Ethics*, Vol. 9, No. 4. 2010. URL: <https://proxylibrary.hse.ru:2129/doi/full/10.1080/15027570.2010.536400?scroll=top&needAccess=true> – Taylor and Francis on line.

10. Lucas, George R. Postmodern War. *Journal of Military Ethics*, Vol. 9, No. 4, 289-298, 2010. URL: <https://proxylibrary.hse.ru:2129/doi/full/10.1080/15027570.2010.536399?scroll=top&needAccess=true> - Taylor and Francis on line.
11. Arkin Ronald C. The Case for Ethical Autonomy in Unmanned Systems. *Journal of Military Ethics*, Vol. 9, No. 4, 2010. <https://proxylibrary.hse.ru:2129/doi/full/10.1080/15027570.2010.536399?scroll=top&needAccess=true> - Taylor and Francis on line.
12. Lin Patrick. Ethical Blowback from Emerging Technologies. *Journal of Military Ethics*, Vol. 9, No. 4, 2010. <https://proxylibrary.hse.ru:2129/doi/full/10.1080/15027570.2010.536399?scroll=top&needAccess=true> - Taylor and Francis on line.

4 Grading System

Type of grading	Type of work	1 term	Parameters
Intermediate	Term Paper	Deadline	Research paper on one of the topics. 20 thousand characters
	Homework	Each week	Weekly homework is due
Final	Exam	To be announced	Oral exam by the end of the term.

The current work will be graded based on the effort and quality of the presentations at class. The quality of the research paper will be evaluated based on academic merit. The final exam will consist of student’s oral presentation of two topics according to the list.

5 Guidelines for Knowledge Assessment

O stands for “grade”. The final grade O_{final} will be formed based on the results of the final oral exam O_{exam} and accumulated grade O_{acc} . The accumulated grade O_{acc} in its turn is formed of two parts, namely research paper O_{paper} , and current class work O_{current} . Current class work will be evaluated based on participation, activity in the debates and homework.

The formula for the accumulated grade is the following

$$O_{\text{acc}} = 0,5 O_{\text{current}} + 0,5 O_{\text{paper}}$$

The formula for the final grade is the following

$$O_{\text{final}} = 0,5 O_{\text{acc}} + 0,5 O_{\text{exam}}$$

If the student attends all or almost all the class meetings he, or she may bypass the final exam. In this case the accumulated grade will go as the final one. It is optimal. Class attendance is required. Unexcused absences will lower the participation grade. Students are expected to regularly do the homework reading and study according to the lists of sources (books, documents, electronic resources) provided by the lecturer. On seminars students are expected to take active part in the discussion and demonstrate good acquaintance with the content of lectures, documents and respective literature. If the student misses more than 25% of class meetings, he or she will miss the opportunity to skip the final exam. The deadlines should be met. In case of the breaking deadline the instructor will extract one point off the grade for each day missed. Research paper should contain the analyses of literature on the subject as well as personal attitude to the subject matter. It must contain the necessary apparatus: references and bibliography and must contain the structure of the research paper: introduction, conclusion and chapters. The topic of the paper may be chosen from the list of approximate topics and must be consulted with the instructor. Under each rubric one may find the list of optimal reading and the list of reading assignment.

The latter corresponds to the major highlighted subtopics of the program and contains the exact pages to be read in preparation to the seminar.

6 Methods of Instruction

The course combines two major methods of instruction: lectures and discussion in the class. To be ready for both, the students are supposed to do a lot of reading and prepare oral presentations as well as submit papers according to the deadlines.

The tentative topics of the research papers

Orthodox Christianity and War.
Russian orthodox church attitude to war.
Ivan Ilyin on resistance to evil by sword.
Buddhism on pacifism and possible resistance to evil.
The justification of war in Judaism.
The attitude to war in Islam.
Contingent pacifism.
Feminism, pacifism and war.
Religious pacifism.
Contemporary human rights paradigm of Just War Theory and humanitarian intervention.
The philosophical and religious foundations of international justice.
Why Nations Fight?
Political Realism. Major Arguments.
The contemporary Just War Theory

Textbooks and Readers

Our primary textbook will be:

- 1 Coppetiers, Bruno, Fotion, Nick (eds.). Moral Constraints on War, Principles and Cases. Second Edition. Lanham: Lexington Books, 2008.
- 2 Christopher, Paul. The Ethics of War and Peace. An Introduction to Legal and Moral Issues. Second Edition. Upper Saddle River, New Jersey: Prentice Hall, 1999.
- 3 Johnson, James Turner. The Holy War Idea in Western and Islamic Traditions. University Park, Pensilvania: The Pensilvania State University Press, 2001.

Each student must be well versed in at least one of these books.

7 Special Equipment and Software Support

Overhead projector will be needed for each lecture.