August 26, 2010

8:30-9:00 Coffee and Arrivals

9:00-9:30 Introductions

Theme One:

9:30-11:00

Panel 1: A TRADITION OR A THEORY: WHAT IS THE SOURCE OF THE JUST WAR'S NORMATIVE FORCE?
Greg Reichberg, Prio
Henry Shue, Oxford University
Nigel Biggar, Oxford University

11:00-11:30 Coffee

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Panel 2: CRITICAL PERSPECTIVES: IS JUST WAR A CRITICAL TOOL OR A CONSERVATIVE TRADITION?
Chris Brown, London School of Economics
Laura Sjoberg, University of Florida
Brent Steele, Kansas University

1:00-2:30 Lunch

Theme Two:

2:30-4:00

Panel 3: JUS AD BELLUM: CAN JUST WAR SPEAK TO THE EMERGENCE OF NEW FORMS OF POLITICAL COMMUNITY AND AUTHORITY IN A GLOBALIZED WORLD?
James Turner Johnson, Rutgers University
Nahed Zehri, Florida State University
Joseph Boyle, University of Toronto

4:00-4:15 Coffee

4:15-5:45

Panel 4: JUS IN BELLO: CAN JUST WAR SPEAK TO THE DIVERSIFIED BATTLEFIELDS OF THE 21ST CENTURY?
Neta C. Crawford, Boston University
Michael Gross, Haifa University
Cian O’Driscoll, Glasgow University

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Theme Three:

9:00-10:30

Panel 5: ADDRESSING PRACTITIONERS: CAN JUST WAR SPEAK TO MILITARY EDUCATION, THE DEVELOPMENT OF LEGAL REGIMES, AND WEAPONS PROCUREMENT POLICIES IN AN AGE OF TERRORISM?
Martin L. Cook, US Naval War College
Albert C. Pierce, National Defence University
Anthony F. Lang, University of St Andrews

10:30-11:00 Coffee

11:00-12:30

Panel 6: ADDRESSING THE PUBLIC SPHERE
Question: IS THE “TRIUMPH OF JUST WAR THEORY” A GOOD THING, OR DOES IT REPRESENT IMPERIAL OVERTRENGTH?
Nick Rengger, University of St Andrews
Tarik Kochi, Sussex University
John Kelsay, Florida State University

The Nature and Purpose of Contemporary Just War Theorizing

To what extent do recent developments in the just war tradition enrich the historical canon, or mark a series of wrong turns that damage the intellectual quality of just war as ethical theory? Have recent re-statements of the just war idea perverted or diminished the tradition, or do they represent valid innovations? How important are arguments about just war’s Christian origins and influences to its role in analysing and influencing policy in a ‘war on terror’ that is frequently cast in terms of religious confrontation?

Changing Warfare and Changing Just War

To what extent has the just war tradition’s lexicon, categories and concepts retained utility in directing and focusing ethical enquiry into the use of violence? Given the changing character of warfare and the nature of the ‘war on terror’, are the traditional limits and parameters of the just war tradition in need of revision? If so, how should we adapt them to the challenges of the 21st century battlefield?

Shaping Policy, Meeting the Challenges of Dynamic Circumstances

How and to what extent has just war thinking shaped the policy debates and what does this mean for the state of the relationship between theory and practice? Does just war necessarily revolve around certain core commitments, or is it an entirely malleable construct, open to continual re-interpretation in the face of changing political and military circumstances and technologies? How are we to conceive of its limits and parameters? Can it be boiled down to axiomatic ‘ideas’ or even articles of faith, whether understood in a religious or secular way?
THE JUST WAR: A STATE OF THE ART


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