

Are Preemptive Wars Just?

Violence, Anticipatory Acts, and the Just War Tradition



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Is it ever moral to go to war in anticipation of a harm which is yet to come? This lecture will trace three different historical responses to this question, ranging from the views of just-war thinkers such as Augustine and Aquinas to modern concepts of international law. It also will suggest how these responses might comment on U.S. decision-making in initiating the war in Iraq.



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