

Pacifism: Still the Issue?

The 12th ILECS conference (International Law and Ethics Conference Series) is devoted to the issue of Pacifism, once much more popular theme than today. In times when we rethink the issue of the war, from its criminalization through its instrumentalization in humanitarian interventions to its usage in "asymmetric" and anti-terrorist warfare and its role in the attempt to legalize torture, pacifism might seem to be quite obsolete and redundant. Could it mean that pacifism is not an issue anymore? Or, as we found in the theme of world governance in one of the previous ILECS conferences, it is one of those issues which are always with us, looming from the mist of unstable reality, as a promise, or false promise, or as a refuge or escape? Or could it be a long awaited, even a final, solution guarding us from pitfalls and predicaments of our uncertain and non-transparent future full of threatening conflicts? We do not expect all these questions to be answered, but perhaps it is proper time to raise them again.

Dvanaesta IELCS konferencija (International Law and Ethics Conference Series) biće posvećena pacifizmu, temi koja je nekad bila znatno popularnija nego danas. U vremenu u kojem se iznova promišlja rat – od njegove kriminalizacije, preko njegove instrumentalizacije u svrhu humanitarnih intervencija do njegove upotrebe u "asimetričnom" i antiterorističkom ratovanju i njegove uloge u pokušaju da se legalizuje tortura – pacifizam nam se može učiniti zastarelom i suvišnom idejom. Da li to znači da pacifizam više nije predmet debate? Ili je možda, kako smo otkrili na jednoj od prethodnih IELCS konferencija na temu svetskog upravljanja, reč o jednom od onih pitanja koja su uvek sa nama, koja se pomalaju iz magle nestabilne stvarnosti kao obećanje, ili lažno obećanje, kao utočište ili beg. S druge strane, može li biti da je pacifizam ono dugo očekivano, čak i konačno rešenje koje će nas sačuvati od zamki i nepravilnosti naše neizvesne i netransparentne budućnosti pune pretećih sukoba? Ne očekujemo da ćemo dobiti odgovore na sva ova pitanja, ali možda je pravi trenutak da ih ponovo postavimo.

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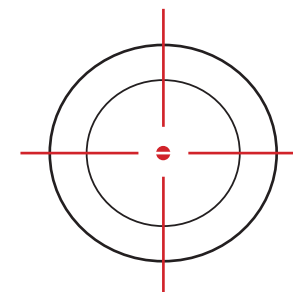
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Thursday, June 21st Morning, 1st Session

9:00-9:15 Opening Addresses

Petar Bojanić [director of the Institute, University of Belgrade]

Jovan Babić [Faculty of Philosophy, University of Belgrade]

Daniel Statman [Department of Philosophy, University of Haifa]

Chair: Daniel Statman

9:15-10:05

Jan Narveson (Waterloo): "Is Pacifism Reasonable?"

10:05-10:55

Cheney Ryan (University of Oregon): "A Pacifist Critique of Just War Theory"

Coffee break

11:10-12:00

Jovan Babić (University of Belgrade): "Pacifism and Moral Integrity"

12:00-12:50

Andrew Alexandra (CAPPE, Melbourne): "Pacifism: The Domestic Dimension"

Lunch

Afternoon, 2nd Session

Chair: Vojin Rakić

15:30-16:20

Nicholas Fotion (Emory University): "Sharp Pacifism: How sharp?"

16:20-17:10

David Ritchie (Mercer): "Elements of the Pacifist Conscience"

Coffee Break

17:25-18:15

Iain Atack (Dublin): "Contradictions between Pacifism and Nonviolent Political Action"

Dinner

Friday, June 22nd

Morning, 3rd Session

Chair: Jovan Babić

9:00-9:50

J. Angelo Corlett (San Diego State University): "Pacifism and Punishment"

9:50-10:40

Helen Frowe (University of Kent): "Bloodless Invasions"

Coffee Break

10:55-11:45

Asa Kasher (Tel Aviv University): "What could a military force still learn from some brands of pacifism?"

11:45-12:30

Daniel Statman (University of Haifa): "Is It Fair to Exempt Pacifists from Military Service? The Israeli Case Reconsidered"

12:30-13:20

David Rodin (Oxford): "After Just War Theory"

Afternoon, 4th Session: Specifics

Chair: Milorad Stupar

15:30-16:20

Paul Viminitz (University of Lethbridge): "Pacifism and Population Dynamics"

16:20-17:10

Saba Bazargan (UC San Diego): "Contingent Pacifism, the Responsibility Dilemma, and Complicitous Liability in War"

Coffee Break

17:25-18:15

Daniel Messelken (University Zurich): "Physicians at War: Betraying a Pacifist Professional Ethos?"

18:15-19:05

Vojin Rakić (Belgrade): "Is Eternal Peace possible Without a Global State?"

Dinner

Saturday, June 23rd Morning, 5th Session

Chair: Ivan Mladenovic

9:00-9:50

Uwe Steinhoff (HKU, Hong Kong): "Self-Defense, Justifying Emergency, and War"

9:50-10:40

Boris Kashnikov (Moscow University): "Pacifism vs. Necessary War in Russian Philosophical Discourse"

Coffee Break

10:55-11:45

Borislav Grozdić, Ilija Kajtez & Dragan Gostović (Military Academy, Belgrade): "A Stratified Understanding of Pacifism in Orthodoxy"

11:45-12:35

Guy Almog (Haifa): "Japan's »Pacifist« Constitution"