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JUST WAR THEORY & CHEMICAL/ BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS

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For several thousand years, philosophers, lawyers, and theologians have developed a theory of the just war, where rules are set for deciding when a war should be fought and what tactics can be employed in war. During the entirety of that period chemical and biological weapons have been banned. In this public lecture, reasons are given for thinking that just war theory cannot support a complete ban on such weapons, unless a similar ban on the use of bombs is also endorsed.



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