

Assignment form I Lab 2022-2023
Outreaching program, Tilburg University

Main characteristics

<u>Title of lab</u>	From Just War tot just Peace, and back?
<u>Professor/Lab supervisor:</u>	Prof. dr.Fred van Iersel with dr. Bart van Dijk
<u>Name of the chair</u>	Religion and Ethics in the Context of the Armed Forces
<u>General information</u>	
<u>Number of students</u>	5 – 7
<u>Period</u>	September 2022 – June 2023
<u>Effort per student</u>	~80h/student
<u>Effort for supervisor</u>	Monthly meetings, except the first month: 3 meetings
<u>Final presentation</u>	Advisory Report to the Inspector General of the Armed Forces Or an academic essay meant for publication.
<u>Background of the project</u>	Whereas ethical theory seemed to have left the concept of Just War as obsolete, in practice it seems to function in Ukraine. Does this imply a revival of Just War Theory? Or do we need to reconsider both just War and Just Peace, and look at a new paradigm? And which is the role of religion in this paradigm, in view of the role of religion in Russian geopolitics?
<u>Problem statement</u>	What exactly is a proper ethical framework / paradigm for understanding conflict escalation in terms of 'war' or military operations other than war ? Are the concepts of Just War and Just Peace perhaps both obsolete?
<u>Stakeholders</u>	<u>Armed forces in NATO countries, EU and Ukraine</u> -
<u>Research approach : a case study based on Ukraine, as a challenge for ethical theory, extended to a survey or a series of interviews.</u>	-
<u>Final reporting</u>	- Final presentation June 2022 - Final report (type?) advisory text, based on research.
<u>Organizational issues</u>	Travel costs to Brussels, and/or perhaps, if possible, Lwiw (Ukraine), or Rome.