Ethics Center Lecture

Exit Strategies and the Ethics of War



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As soon as the current Russia-Ukraine and Hamas-Israel wars started, policymakers and commentators began talking about exit strategies and ending these wars. The seeds of the next war are always found in the last war, so how these wars end will be critical. When does it make sense to start thinking about ending a war? How should we think about exit strategies and war termination? How should we balance considerations of pragmatism, prudence, and morality in terminating the war and setting the stage for both peaceful and just post-war development?

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