
**AY22-23 Command and General Staff College
Military Ethics Symposium
Program Overview**

**Revision or Revival?
Examining Just War Theory in Context of the Ukraine-Russia War
and its Implications for Organizational-level Leaders
in 21st Century Large Scale Combat Operations**

Event Context

Given the current JPME emphases on MDO and LSCO, war crimes committed in the current Russia-Ukraine conflict, and in support of CGSOC PLOs 2, 3, and 6, TLO-CC-1, and TLO-AOC-10

Event Dates and Location

20 April 2023, 1300 – 1630
21 April 2023, 1300 – 1600

All symposium events will be held in Marshall Auditorium, Lewis and Clark Center, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas. See ‘Event Agenda’ (separate attachment) for a detailed timeline for both days. CGSC faculty, students, and visitors are welcome to attend. Please register at the [CGSCF website](#).

Event Theme

The Ukraine-Russia war is the first instance of large-scale combat operations in Europe since the end of WWII and thus presents a critical opportunity for military professionals to examine the applicability of Just War principles to 21st century warfare and the ethical considerations that emerge within the complexity of multi-domain operations. Therefore, we are asking: what is the relationship between adherence to Just War principles, ethical leadership at the organizational level, and strategic military effectiveness?

In light of CGSOC PME requirements to develop field grade officers who are competent and committed with respect to ethical conduct inherent to the Profession of Arms and the execution of Unified Land Operations within a joint context, and in consideration of the context of the Russia-Ukraine war, the following themes/questions will be explored:

1. How does Just War Theory apply in an Eastern vs. Western cultural-military context?
2. What are the most critical ethical issues that have arisen with the application of modern technology and military procedures in the Russia-Ukraine war?
3. What are the greatest concerns regarding individual morality in LSCO?
4. *Post-bellum* and history: what might be an (ethical) end state for Russia and Ukraine?
5. *Post-bellum* and human well-being: what are ethical ramifications from the Russia-Ukraine war militaries/nations must prepare for now rather than later?

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