

Abstract

The just war theory debates the justice of wars. Traditional parts of the theory provides with criteria of justice at war's beginning (*jus ad bellum*) and during its conduct (*jus in bello*). *Jus post bellum* as the latest part governs the area of justice of the decisions after the war is over. This thesis will conceptualize *jus post bellum* in the whole of the just war theory while outlining its content. One of the main objectives will be a critical evaluation of all the theory's criteria in order to correspond to the nature of current conflicts. The just war theory will be presented here as the art of morally based compromise between resignation to moral judgments and moral elitism that doesn't take reality into account while pressing for absolute ideals. This feature will be especially present at *jus post bellum*, where judgments of the processes of coming to terms with the past and evaluation of the crimes of wartime take place. The key issue will be to find such a form of a social reconciliation that would not while belittle the victims' suffering while enabling the society to return to normal life.