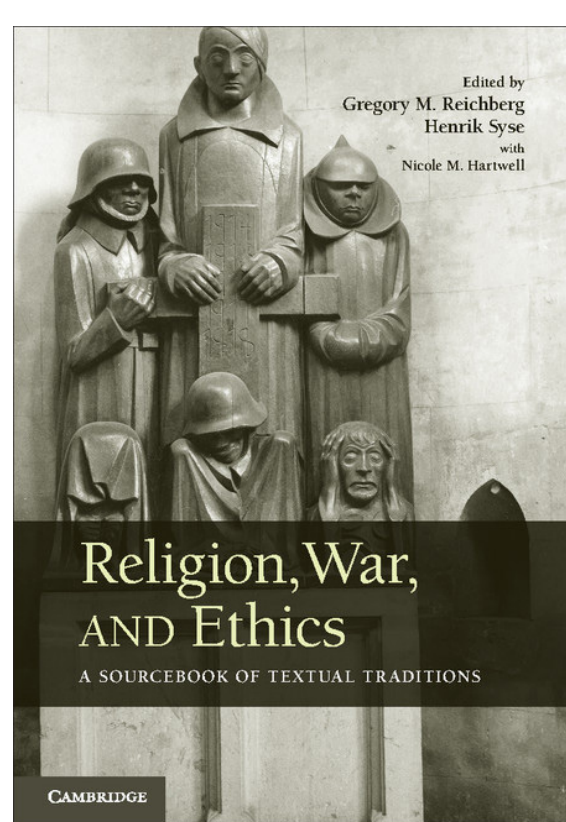


## Book Launch

# Religion, War and Ethics



Religion, War, and Ethics: A Sourcebook of Textual Traditions (edited by Gregory M. Reichberg and Henrik Syse, published by Cambridge University Press, 2014) is an edited volume of primary sources from the world's major religions on the ethics of war. Each chapter brings together texts – scriptural, theological, ethical, and legal – from a variety of historical periods that reflect each tradition's response to perennial questions about the nature of war: When, if ever, is recourse to arms morally justifiable? What moral constraints should apply to military conduct? Can a lasting earthly peace be achieved? Are there sacred reasons for waging war, and special rewards for those who do the fighting?

The religions covered include Sunni and Shiite Islam; Judaism; Roman Catholic; Eastern Orthodox; and Protestant Christianity; Theravada Buddhism, East Asian religious traditions (Confucianism, Shinto, Japanese and Korean Buddhism); Hinduism, and Sikhism. Each is compiled by a specialist, recognized within his or her respective religious tradition, who has also written a commentary on the historical and textual context of the passages selected.

Copies of the book will be available at the event.

In collaboration with the Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO)

**Tuesday 16 December 2014**  
**1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

*Followed by a reception*

**Library Events Room (B-135)**  
Palais des Nations, Building B, 1st Floor

### Welcome Remarks:

**Ruth Hahn-Weinert**, Officer-in-Charge, UNOG Library

### Speakers:

**Gregory M. Reichberg**, Research Professor, Peace Research Institute Oslo and Department of Political Science, University of Oslo

**Mostafa Mohaghegh Damad**, Professor of Islamic Jurisprudence at Shahid Beheshti University (Tehran); Director of Islamic Studies, Iranian Academy of Sciences

**Angela Kallhoff**, Professor of Applied Ethics in the faculty of Philosophy and Education at the University of Vienna

**Vesselin Popovski**, Executive Director of the Centre for UN Studies, Jindal Global University, Delhi

### Moderator:

**Sigrun Habermann**, UNOG Library

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