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### **CENTRAL LIBRARY HOSTS *PHILOSOPHY TALK* DISCUSSION ON JUST WAR THEORY**

*Lectures and Discussions Connect Richness of Philosophical Thought to Everyday Life*

**San Diego, CA...** The next installment of San Diego Public Library's PHILOSOPHY TALK will be on the theory "Just War," in conjunction with the 2011 *One Book, One San Diego* selection, "The Gangster We Are All Looking", by native San Diegan Lê Thi Diem Thúy. Philosophy Talk is designed as a safe and collegial opportunity to connect the richness of philosophical thought to everyday life. This free event will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 14, 2011 in the Wangenheim Room of the Central Library, located at 820 E Street.

The concept of Just War Theory deals with the justification of how and why wars are fought. Is there such a thing as a good war? And can a war, with its violence and legacy of suffering, ever be considered just? Just war theory (or *bellum iustum*) is a doctrine of military ethics studied by moral theologians, ethicists and international policy makers which holds that a conflict can and ought to meet the criteria of philosophical, religious or political justice, provided it follows certain conditions.

Join Dr. Saba Bazargan of UCSD's Philosophy Department at UCSD in a discussion of Just War Theory and its use by rulers and nations in the preparation and conduct of war. Philosophy Talk is part of the Library's "talk series" including literature, philosophy, and science that illuminates the what, why, and how of human culture.

Learn about other events at the San Diego Public Library's Central Library and 35 branches, find links to numerous additional resources, or search for materials in the Library's catalog online at [www.sandiegolibrary.org](http://www.sandiegolibrary.org).

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