What is violence? Is human nature inherently violent? Is violence ever justified? Is it morally legitimate to use violence in pursuit of a more just society? Is terrorism ever morally permissible? Is war a legitimate response to terrorism? Can there be a just war? Are there reasonable alternatives to violence? Is it possible to oppose oppression and achieve justice through nonviolent resistance? In this course we will explore these questions from the perspectives of theater, literature, film, philosophy, psychology, politics, and ethical reflections on real life situations.

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