

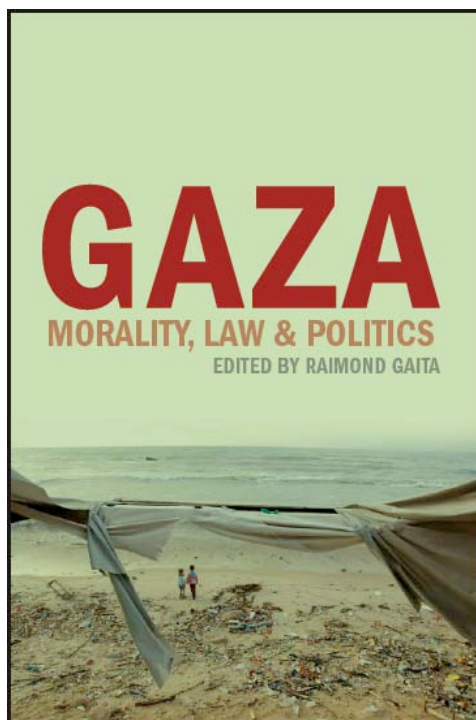
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In *Gaza: Morality, Law and Politics*, Raimond Gaita brings together a thought-provoking collection of essays by public intellectuals on the subject of conflict.

Following the Israeli Army invasion of the Gaza strip, many Australians are left with questions of law, morality and politics; a minefield of ethical dilemmas to challenge the moral code we live by.

The contributors are Mark Baker, Anthony Billingsley, Hilary Charlesworth, Gerry Simpson, Ghassan Hage, Geoffrey Levey & Raimond Gaita - historians, international law experts, an anthropologist and a philosopher.

*Gaza: Morality, Law and Politics* explores nationalism, intractability, the point of no return and jurisdiction over war crimes.

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\*The Gaza War was a three-week armed conflict that took place in the Gaza Strip, December 27, 2008 – January 18, 2009. It was codenamed Operation Cast Lead (Hebrew: מבצע צה"ל מוצ'קא מוצ'קא מוצ'קא *Mivtza Oferet Yetzuka*) by the Israeli government. The conflict has been called the Gaza Massacre (Arabic: الغزة مجزرة) in the Arab world.

It was referred to as the War in the South in Israeli media coverage while Al Jazeera called it the war on Gaza. In September 2009, a UN special mission, headed by Justice Richard Goldstone, produced a controversial report accusing both Palestinian militants and Israeli Defence Forces of war crimes and possible crimes against humanity. The report urged that The UN Security Council place its allegations before the International Criminal court unless Israel and Hamas conduct credible independent investigations and act appropriately in the light of their findings. Neither Israel nor Hamas has conducted such investigations.

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