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SCATTERED NOTES AGAINST THE “RATIONALE OF WAR” (RECONSTRUCTIVE IDEAS OFFERED BY READING A RECENT BOOK)

Drawing on a monographic essay that argues that peace should be considered the rule (or, better, the principle) and war the exception, the paper focuses on the constitutional precept that allows only defensive wars, highlighting how their recognition, in the current, not always comfortable, situation ultimately depends on cultural customs within the international community and domestically. It then notes how certain authoritarian involutions, seen at national level, often translate into aggressive behavior toward other states, as evidenced by the war in Ukraine on the one hand, and by certain deplorable forays by the United States under the Trump administration on the other. Finally, we note the need to tirelessly cultivate the seed of liberalism, to which that of pacifism remains closely linked, whose strength lies in convincing, not in coercing, in building, not in destroying.