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**“From the just war problem to the just alliances solution?”**

Resorting to armed forces can be just when this is a necessary mean for a necessary political end, which is also plausibly a moral one. But what is necessary, as a mean, and as a political end? The criterion is the genuine fairness of the policies such “war” is supposed to protect the possibility. But the first element of a global fairness is an organization of powers – that is, an alliance – allowing for the implementation of such a reasonably fair set of policies, condition for a genuine peace (which is not only the result of a high degree of violence or cunning). The just war problem admits therefore as a solution a “fair alliances theory”. This paper elaborates this theory and as a case study considers which alliances could be fair ones in the coming decade, discussing the history of the Franco-Russian relationship.