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Franz Rosenzweig's *Ground of War*

During the last years of the First World War Rosenzweig served as Austrian soldier at the front in the Balkans in the anti-aircraft defence, and penned a few texts regarding the politics of war. Examining Rosenzweig's texts in the context of contemporary geo-political thought to understand war, the appropriation of territories, the conception of borders, space, nations, the relationship between land and sea, the article examines what it means to understand these in the context of Rosenzweig's philosophical thought. The article poses the question of the relationship of these political interventions to Rosenzweig's philosophy and how his Jewish outlook might have determined his view on war and peace.