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# The Notion of an Illegal Occupation in the ICJ's 2024 Palestine Advisory Opinion

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The talk unpacks the concept of an illegal occupation as understood by the ICJ and its judges, arguing that only self-defence could potentially justify Israel's continued occupation under *jus ad bellum*. It outlines five possible approaches to the 2024 Advisory Opinion on this issue and evaluates their validity, with a focus on the link between lawful self-defence and the principles of necessity and proportionality.

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