Course Description: The aim of this course is to examine the phenomenon of war in its broader socio-economic context during the years between the emergence of the modern nation-state at the end of the eighteenth century and the conclusion of World War II in 1945.

Course Requirements: This course is oriented around the readings and the lectures. Every student is expected to do all the reading and attend every lecture. Each student will also be expected to attend a discussion section once a week. The grade will be based on a comprehensive final examination (75%) and classroom participation in the discussion section (25%).

Readings and Books: The following books, all of which are in paper, have been ordered through the Seminary Co-op Bookstore:

Clausewitz, On War (Princeton University Press version)
Michael Howard, War in European History
Richard J. Overy, Russia’s War
L.C.F. Turner, Origins of the First World War

All articles and book chapters with ** next to them are on Chalk.

Course Outline:

1. January 5, 2013 (Tuesday): Organizational Meeting and Overview

PART I: GENERAL THEMES

2. January 7 (Thursday): The Napoleonic Wars and the Great Transformation

   -- Howard, War in European History, chapters 4-5.

   -- David A. Bell, The First Total War, chapters 6-7. **

3. January 12 (Tuesday): Nationalism and War - I

   -- Clausewitz, On War, Books 1, 2 and 8.
4. January 14 (Thursday): Nationalism and War - II


5. January 19 (Tuesday): Democratization and War


6. January 21 (Thursday): Industrialization and War - I


7. January 26 (Tuesday): Industrialization and War - II


8. January 28 (Thursday): The Military Profession and Militarism

-- Samuel P. Huntington, *The Soldier and the State*, chapters 1-3. **

PART II: CAUSES OF WORLD WAR I

9. February 2 (Tuesday): The War Was an Accident


10. February 4 (Thursday): Wacky Domestic Politics Caused It

-- Immanuel Geiss, "The Outbreak of the First World War and German War Aims," *Journal of Contemporary History*, Vol. 1, No. 3 (July 1966), pp. 75-91. **

-- Eckart Kehr, "Anglophobia and Weltpolitik," in *Economic Interest, Militarism and Foreign Policy*, pp. 22-49. **

11. February 9 (Tuesday): The System Caused It
-- Dale Copeland, *The Origins of Major War*, chapters 3-4. **

**PART III: CONDUCT OF WORLD WAR I**

12. February 11 (Thursday): The Battlefield - I

13. February 16 (Tuesday): The Battlefield - II
-- David Stevenson, *Cataclysm: The First World War as Tragedy*, chapter 10. **
-- Tucker, *The Great War*, chapter 7. **

14. February 18 (Thursday): The Home Front
-- Roger Chickering, *Imperial Germany*, chapters 4-5. **
-- David M. Kennedy, *Over Here*, chapter 1. **

**PART IV: CAUSES OF WORLD WAR II**

15. February 23 (Tuesday): Causes of the War in Europe
-- Mearsheimer, *Conventional Deterrence*, chapters 3-4. **

16. February 25 (Thursday): Causes of the War in Asia
-- Marc Trachtenberg, *The Craft of International History*, chapter 4. **
PART IV: CONDUCT OF WORLD WAR II

17. March 1 (Tuesday): The Ground War on the Eastern Front


-- “The Fallen of World War II” – a video categorizing deaths in WWII: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2015/06/06/world-war-two-fatality-visualized_n_7526390.html

18. March 3 (Thursday): The German Killing Machine


-- Christopher Browning, “The Decision Concerning the Final Solution,” in Francois Furet, ed., *Unanswered Questions*, pp. 96-118. **


-- Adam Tooze, *Wages of Destruction*, chapter 14. **

19. March 8 (Tuesday): Conduct of World War II – The Bombing of Japan

-- Kent Roberts Greenfield, *American Strategy in World War II*, chapter IV. **


20. March 10-11: Reading Period

21. March 14-18: Exam Week