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 and the end of World War II.

Course Requirements: This course is oriented around the readings and the lectures. It is expected that every student will do all the reading and attend every lecture. Moreover, each student will 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 in paper, have been ordered through the Seminary Co-op Bookstore:

- Roger Chickering, Imperial Germany and the Great War
- Clausewitz, On War (Princeton University Press version)
- Michael Howard, War in European History
- John Mearsheimer, The Tragedy of Great Power Politics
- Richard J. Overy, Russia’s War
- Spencer C. Tucker, The Great War, 1914-1918
- 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, 2010 (Tuesday): Organizational Meeting and Overview

PART I: GENERAL THEMES

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

   - Howard, War in European History, chapters 4-5.
   - Strachan, European Armies, chapters 2-4,**

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
- Chickering, *Imperial Germany*, chapters 1-3.

14. February 18 (Thursday): The Homefront

   - Chickering, *Imperial Germany*, chapters 4-6.

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

15. February 23 (Tuesday): Causes of the War in Europe


16. February 25 (Thursday): Causes of the War in Asia


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

17. March 2 (Tuesday): The Ground War on the Eastern Front


18. March 4 (Thursday): The German Killing Machine


19. March 9 (Tuesday): Conduct of World War II - The Bombing of Japan


Reading Period: March 11-12

Exam Week: March 15-19