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HISTORY AND POLITICS OF WAR AND PEACE

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Pablo Picasso, *Guernica*, 3.5m X 7.8 M mural, 1937
Tapestry copy outside United Nations Security Council chamber, New York

From holy wars to world wars, from bows and arrows to weapons of mass destruction, what lessons have we learnt about war and how to achieve a more peaceful future?

How have history and politics shaped the wars people fought and the sorts of peace they have accomplished in the last millennium?

What are the origins and impact of aspirations to limit war, control its conduct, create international collective security and promote peace with justice?

In this course, taught jointly by the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies and the Department of History, you will learn about the history and politics of the causes of war and attempts to reduce its frequency and impact from the Middle Ages through to the Cold War, the War on Terrorism and the war in Iraq. You will gain a better understanding of how nationalism, ideology, racism and imperialism influence the propensity to engage in war and other mass violence.

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