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War and Social Change – The Military Revolution**

**Class Meetings:**

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**Course Objectives:** This course will examine the changes in the European art and science of war from the advent of gunpowder c1400 to the American rebellion in the 1770s. It will illustrate the effects of these changes on demography, political institutions, industrial production, social structure, taxation patterns, and other areas. This will explain much of the development of the modern world and its institutions, through the lens of military history.

**Text:** Various readings posted on Blackboard

**Course Requirements:**

**6 Book Reviews**, minimum 3 double-spaced pages each. The first set of 3 will be due by Friday, 2 July, and the second set of 3 by the last Thursday of the term. I will assign 3 books for the first set, and you'll select 3 books from the list at the end of this syllabus for the second set. Reviews should be formatted in CMS Notes/Bib format.

**Grading:**

Your final grade will be calculated as follows, evenly averaging your test grades and your review assignment:

Average:	Final grade:
100-90	A
89-80	B
79-70	C
69-60	D
below 60	F

**Blackboard:** All relevant class materials, including this syllabus, are posted on the course Blackboard on the website. If you are unfamiliar with Blackboard, please become so quickly. You will use it, or a form of it, throughout your future academic career. I will post your grades on the Blackboard as well, so you'll have access to your average at any time. In addition, I may post interesting videos, speeches, and text to the Blackboard page throughout the semester for those of you more interested in history or the course material.

**Attendance:** There is no formal attendance policy for the course. You are a consumer who purchased this course; if you choose not to attend, your grade will most likely suffer. That is your choice to make. Being a Summer 5-week class, missing class will seriously harm your ability to make a decent grade. Please do not miss class unless you absolutely must – you signed up for a class that meets 4 days a week for 2 hours, so please be there.

As such, you are each also expected to treat your instructor and classmates with respect at all times. This includes not talking while the instructor is talking; not using cell phones, laptop computers, and other electronics as distractions during class; not wearing headphones during class; and arriving on time and not leaving early except in an emergency.

#### **COURSE OUTLINE:**

Unit I	Background	War and Society	Medieval Warfare
	The Military Revolution		
Unit II	The Rise of Spain	The Habsburg-Valois Wars	
	Colonialism and Colonial Conflicts	Naval Warfare	
Unit III	Religion and Warfare	The Thirty Years War	
Unit IV	The Age of Louis XIV	Absolutism and War	
Unit V	Frederick II and Prussia	The Decline of France	Colonialism
	The American Experience	Towards the Modern Art of War	

**Technology:** This course is lecture-based. As such, I strongly encourage everyone to type notes on a laptop, if you have or can get one. I would also encourage you to record the class on your phones or another recording device. You do not need to ask me beforehand if you wish to do either of these. Do not let them become distractions, either to yourself or your fellow students.

**Grade Grievances:** If you feel you haven't been graded fairly, please contact me directly. I will have final say on all subjective grading matters, including late/missed work.

**I retain the right to alter this schedule but will inform students of any such alterations.**

## Reading List

### Required Texts (First 3 Reviews):

*The Military Revolution Debate*, ed. Clifford Rogers  
M.S. Anderson, *War and Society in Europe of the Old Regime*  
Christopher Duffy, *The Military Experience in the Age of Reason*

### Selection List:

#### Topic 1: The Military Revolution and Change in Early Modern Europe

Brian Downing, *The Military Revolution and Political Change*  
John Childs, *Armies and Warfare in Europe, 1648-1789*  
Andre Corvisier, *Armies and Societies in Europe, 1494-1789*  
Bert Hall, *Weapons and Warfare in Renaissance Europe*  
John Lynn, *Tools of War*  
Geoffrey Parker, *The Military Revolution*  
David Parrott, *The Business of War: Military Enterprise and Military Revolution in Early Modern Europe*  
Martha Pollak, *Cities at War in Early Modern Europe*  
James Raymond, *Henry VIII's Military Revolution: The Armies of Sixteenth-Century Britain and Europe*  
Julius Ruff, *Violence in Early Modern Europe*  
Frank Tallett, *European Warfare 1350-1750*

#### Topic 2: The Spanish and the Habsburg-Valois Struggle

Christopher Duffy, *Siege Warfare: The Fortress in the Early Modern World 1494-1660*  
Fernando de Leon, *The Road to Rocroi*  
John Guilmartin, *Gunpowder and Galleys*  
Michael Mallet and Christine Shaw, *The Italian Wars 1494-1559*  
Michael Mallet and John Hale, *The Military Organization of a Renaissance State*  
Geoffrey Parker, *The Army of Flanders and the Spanish Road, 1567-1659*  
Geoffrey Parker, *The Dutch Revolt*  
Geoffrey Parker, *The Grand Strategy of Philip II*  
Mia Rodriguez-Salgado, *The Changing Face of Empire*  
Idan Sherer, *Warriors for a Living*  
I.A.A. Thompson, *War and Government in Habsburg Spain 1560-1620*  
James Tracy, *Emperor Charles V, Impresario of War*

### Topic 3: Religious Warfare

- Thomas Barker, *The Military Intellectual and Battle: Raimondo Montecuccoli and the Thirty Years War*
- Omer Bartov and Eric Weitz, *Shatterzone of Empires*
- Richard Dunn, *The Age of Religious Wars*
- Suraiya Faroqui and Kate Fleet, *The Ottoman Empire as a World Power, 1453-1603*
- Robert Frost, *Northern Wars*
- Mack Holt, *The French Wars of Religion, 1562-1629*
- Norman Housley, *Religious Warfare in Europe, 1400-1536*
- Michael Khodarkovsky, *Steppe Warfare*
- Rhoads Murphey, *Ottoman Warfare, 1500-1700*
- B.F. Porshnev and Paul Dukes, *Muscovy and Sweden in the Thirty Years War, 1630-1635*
- Michael Roberts, *Gustavus Adolphus and the Rise of Sweden*
- Frederick Schiller, *The History of the Thirty Years War in Germany*
- Carol Stevens, *Russia's Wars of Emergence*
- Mark Stoye, *Soldiers and Strangers: An Ethnic History of the English Civil War*
- Peter Wilson, *The Thirty Years War: Europe's Tragedy*
- James Wood, *The King's Army*

### Topic 4: The Rise of France

- F.L. Carsten, *The Ascendancy of France, 1648-88*
- James Collins, *The State in Early Modern Europe*
- Christopher Duffy, *Fire and Stone: The Science of Fortress Warfare, 1660-1860*
- Thomas Dyer, *The Supremacy of France and the Wars of Louis XIV*
- Carl Eckberg, *Failure of Louis XIV's Dutch War*
- James Falkner, *Marshal Vauban and the Defense of Louis XIV's France*
- Alan James, *The Navy and Government in Early Modern France, 1572-1661*
- Philip Knachel, *England and the Fronde*
- John Lynn, *Giant of the Grand Siècle*
- John Lynn, *The Wars of Louis XIV, 1667-1714*
- John Lynn, *Women, Armies, and Warfare in Early Modern Europe*
- Cathal Nolan, *Wars of the Age of Louis XIV, 1650-1715*
- David Parrott, *Richelieu's Army*
- Guy Rowlands, *The Dynastic State and the Army under Louis XIV*
- Brian Sandberg, *Warrior Pursuits*
- George Satterfield, *Princes, Posts, and Partisans*
- Paul Sonnino, *Louis XIV and the Origins of the Dutch War*
- J.M. Stapleton, *Forging a Coalition Army*

## Topic 5: The Eighteenth Century

M.S. Anderson, *The War of the Austrian Succession, 1740-1748*

Jeremy Black, *Warfare in the Eighteenth Century*

Ilya Berkovich, *Motivation in War: The Experience of Common Soldiers in Old-Regime Europe*

Reed Browning, *The War of the Austrian Succession*

Jonathan Dull, *The French Navy and the Seven Years' War*

Herbert Kaplan, *Russia and the Outbreak of the Seven Years' War*

Lee Kennett, *The French Army during the Seven Years' War*

Myron Gutmann, *War and Rural Life in the Early Modern Low Countries*

Brent Nosworthy, *The Anatomy of Victory: Battle Tactics, 1689-1783*

James Riley, *The Seven Years' War and the Old Regime in France: The Economic and Financial Toll*

Karl Schweizer, *England, Prussia, and the Seven Years' War: Studies in Alliance Policies and Diplomacy*

Dennis Showalter, *The Wars of Frederick the Great*

Armstrong Starkey, *War in the Age of Enlightenment, 1700-1789*

Franz Szabo, *The Seven Years' War in Europe, 1756-1763*

### Subtopic: Britain

John Brewer, *The Sinews of Power: War, Money, and the English State, 1688-1783*

Julian Corbett, *The Seven Years' War: A Study in British Combined Strategy by Julian Corbett*

J.A. Houlding, *Fit for Service: The Training of the British Army, 1715-1795*

Mark Kishlansky, *Rise of the New Model Army*

Frank McLynn, *1759: The Year Britain became Master of the World*

Richard Middleton, *The Bells of Victory: the Pitt-Newcastle Ministry and the Conduct of the Seven Years' War, 1757-1762*

Reginald Savory, *His Britannic Majesty's Army in Germany during the Seven Years' War*

### Subtopic: Germany

Thomas Barker, *Frederick the Great and the Making of Prussia*

Otto Büsch, *Military System and Social Life in Old Regime Prussia*

Christopher Duffy, *The Army of Maria Theresa: The Armed Forces of Imperial Austria, 1740-1780*

Christopher Duffy, *Frederick the Great: A Military Life*

Christopher Duffy, *Instrument of War: The Austrian Army in the Seven Years' War*

Robert Ergang, *The Potsdam Führer*

Gunther Rothenberg, *The Military Border in Croatia, 1740-1881*, relevant chapters

Peter Wilson, *German Armies: War and German Society, 1648-1806*

Peter Wilson, *War and Society in Württemberg, 1677-1793*

Subtopic: Colonial Warfare

Fred Anderson, *A People's Army: Massachusetts Soldiers and Society in the Seven Years' War*

Fred Anderson, *Crucible of War: The Seven Years War and the Fate of Empire in British North America, 1754-1766*

Walter Borneman, *The French and Indian War: Deciding the Fate of North America*

Frank Brecher, *Losing a Continent: France's North American Policy 1753-1763*

Stephen Brumwell, *Redcoats: The British Soldier and War in the Americas*

Roger Buckley, *The British Army in the West Indies: Society and the Military in the Revolutionary*

Guy Chet, *Conquering the American Wilderness: The Triumph of European Warfare in the Colonial Northeast*

Lawrence Gipson, *The British Empire before the American Revolution, 1763-1775*

John Grenier, *The First Way of War: American War Making on the Frontier*

Douglas Leach, *Roots of Conflict: British Armed Forces and Colonial Americans, 1677-1763*

Wayne Lee, *Barbarians and Brothers*

Wayne Lee, *Empires and Indigenes*

M.N. McConnell, *Army and Empire: British Soldiers on the American Frontier, 1758-1775*

William Nester, *The First Global War: Britain, France, and the Fate of North America, 1756-1775*

John Shy, *Toward Lexington*

Matthew Ward, *Breaking the Backcountry: The Seven Years' War in Virginia and Pennsylvania, 1754-1765*