War and Peace in Modern Europe

In this module, we discuss how Europe was defined and redefined through war, military occupation, civil conflicts, and peace agreements in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Drawing on examples of various—through often interrelated—conflicts, we discuss several major questions: How did international and civil conflicts shape European culture and politics? Why was the twentieth century so violent? How did Europe become divided into “right” and “left,” and “East” and “West”? How are these conflicts and political extremes remembered or forgotten today? Comparing writings and films from across the continent, including Britain, Poland, Spain, Yugoslavia, Poland, Czechoslovakia, and Germany, we ask how the map of the continent has changed over the past century and whether it is possible to write a single history of Europe.

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Fee:
*Reduced Fee: €120 for the course. **€60 concession
**The concession rate is available to second and third level students and people whose primary source of income is social welfare, health board or a government-sponsored employment scheme.

Time and Place:
*This course will be taught online. We want to make your experience as personable as possible and hope to add some extra live Zoom interactive sessions once term has started. More details will be available at the beginning of term. If you have not previously used Zoom or other online teaching platforms, please email hhextra@tcd.ie with ‘help with online teaching’ in the subject bar and we will arrange some pre-semester help sessions in September.

Duration:
This lecture-only module comprises two lectures per week over one commencing in September 2020