COURSE DETAIL

SOLDIERS, TERRORISTS, AND GUERRILLAS
Country Netherlands
Host Institution Utrecht University
Program(s) Utrecht University
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Political Science History
UCEAP Course Number 118
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title SOLDIERS, TERRORISTS, AND GUERRILLAS
UCEAP Transcript Title SOLDIERS&TERRORISTS
UCEAP Quarter Units 6.00
UCEAP Semester Units 4.00

Course Description
This course offers students an opportunity to conduct research with primary source material and write an original research paper. Students' perspectives on violence are enhanced through the introduction of a micro-sociological, actor-oriented approach. It puts three related categories of violent actors (soldiers, guerrillas, terrorists) center stage. It embeds historical interpretations of their experiences in the broader debate on the differences and similarities of regular and irregular ways of waging war. A close look at the immediate experiences of extreme violence by the fighters involved points at disturbing similarities between soldiers and terrorists. Students consider the difference between regular and irregular warfare and whether we are guided by specific ideas of violence born of the Western nation-state. Using historical case studies from modern history students conduct an in-depth study of soldiers, guerrillas, and terrorists and the experience of organized violence in regular and irregular warfare by the fighters involved. They learn to historicize and criticize the common view of warfare by concentrating on the experiences of its most common actors. Under the supervision of a lecturer, students learn to determine a personal stance in existing historical debates, and to contribute to increasing our knowledge and understanding of the historical backgrounds underlying modern issues. Students choose their research topic on the basis of the actor-oriented literature discussed in the first four weeks. They familiarize themselves with demarcating their research, formulating a research question (with possible subordinate questions) and relating this to specific introductory literature.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
GE3V17044

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Host Institution Campus

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