COURSE DETAIL

DEATH AND DESTRUCTION FROM ABOVE: A HISTORY OF AERIAL BOMBING, FROM ZEPPELINS TO DRONES

Country
Hong Kong

Host Institution
University of Hong Kong

Program(s)
University of Hong Kong

UCEAP Course Level
Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
History

UCEAP Course Number
128

UCEAP Course Suffix

UCEAP Official Title
DEATH AND DESTRUCTION FROM ABOVE: A HISTORY OF AERIAL BOMBING, FROM ZEPPELINS TO DRONES

UCEAP Transcript Title
HIST AERIAL BOMBING

UCEAP Quarter Units
5.00

UCEAP Semester Units
3.30

Course Description

Since World War I, millions of soldiers, civilians, and suspected terrorists have died as a result of aerial bombing. Conventional and atomic bombings, moreover, have resulted in the destruction of countless military targets and the incineration of vast square kilometres of urban landscapes. What factors have made this possible, accepted, and “legal”? Throughout this course, students will explore the technological and military developments that have made such killing and wanton destruction possible. Moreover, students will examine the ideological, political, and doctrinal thought from Douhet to Mutual Assured Destruction (MAD) that has not only attempted to legitimate, but advocate, the targeting of civilians from above. Students will also be asked to investigate why legal proscriptions or conventions against aerial bombing never materialized in the pre-World War II era and examine why many nations have still refused to adhere to any restrictions on aerial warfare.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
HIST2186

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