

Pflichtveranstaltungen / mandatory courses:

(werden nur im Wintersemester angeboten / only offered in winter semester)

Name: GES_MA_020 – Introductory module of War and Conflict Studies

The lecture will provide students of the International War Studies and War and Conflicts programmes with an overview of methods, sources and theoretical approaches of historians, political scientists and sociologists to their field. Furthermore, core aspects of key wars and conflicts from Medieval times towards the present age will be discussed.

Name: GES_MA_048 – Themes and methods of War and Conflict Studies

This hands-on course focuses on themes and skills useful to War and Conflict Studies. It serves as an introduction to relevant central concepts and theories of the historical and political sciences and international relations, and equips students with relevant methods to tackle interdisciplinary questions. By touching upon a series of topics, and by being exposed to a variety of academic genres and styles, students will familiarize themselves with specific issues of War and Conflict – while understanding the differences between those formats written for a variety of audiences and using distinct language. Students will train valuable academic skills by producing and reviewing a series of short academic texts. Finally, this course aims to improve students' proficiency in the English language by providing a space for the practice and reflection of academic essay writing.

Name: GES_MA_018 – Military and society in the age of „total wars“, 1792-1945

The seminar will analyze the radicalization of warfare from the Napoleonic age to the Second World War. We discuss a variety of topics including the revolution of warfare, the changing character of propaganda, ideology, economies and international law. We critically discuss the concept of total war and try to define the footprint of modern wars. This includes the interaction of radicalization and restriction of armed conflicts.

Name: GES_MA_011 – Final Colloquium

In the final colloquium, master and doctoral students present their work on their final thesis and manuscripts.

Wahlpflichtveranstaltungen / elective courses:

(werden in jedem Semester angeboten / offered every semester)

Dies ist eine Auswahl unregelmäßig wiederkehrender Lehrveranstaltungen im Wahlpflichtbereich / This is a selection of irregularly recurring elective courses:

Evolution of Russian foreign- and security policy since 1990

Violent Conflicts in the Post-Soviet Space

Russia's war against Ukraine – historical context, characteristics, prospects

The two German states and the Soviet Union, 1949-1991/2000

Germany's Ost- and Russlandpolitik since 1990

Security in the area of the Baltic Sea

The transformation of the NATO since the fall of the Berlin wall

NATO and the German armed forces in Afghanistan – context, demands and experiences

The Future of European Defense

Seapower and Maritime Warfare in the 20th and 21st century

Seapower from Salamis to the South China Sea

Doing Good? German Development Policy between Self-Restraint and Assertiveness

Continuity and Change. German Foreign Policy since 1949

International History of Secret Intelligence in the 20th Century

No Cold War. The Cold War in the Third World

Wars and Conflicts in Africa

Peacekeeping in Africa

The Cold War in Africa

Wars and Conflicts in Africa since 1990

A Region in Turmoil: The Greater Middle East since 1948

The Middle East since the End of the Cold War

ISRAEL – political and cultural history

A History of Violence. War and Conflict in Postcolonial Latin America, 1810-2010

China's Security and Foreign Policy since 1949

Western Societies and New Wars

The International Laws of War and Peace

Small wars – Theories and experiences from the early modern period until today

War and Text: Theorists of War and Strategy since Sun Tzu

Hybrid warfare

Identity, Power and War

Regions and Powers. An Introduction to Comparative Regionalism

Narrative Wars: Words and Conflict in the 21st Century