Preliminary Schedule of Readings and Lectures

Note: This is a tentative syllabus, and subject to change or revision by the instructors.

WEEK 1  INTRODUCTION: THE STUDY OF WAR

September 3

• Introduction and Overview

• Topics:
approaches to war, ideologies of war, warfare in the classical world, perceptions in art and literature, etc.

• Core Readings:

• Further Readings:

WEEK 2  INTRODUCTION: THE STUDY OF WAR (CONT.)

September 10

• Topics:
war and masculinity, women and war, self and other, foreign war vs. civil war, aristocratic vs. democratic warfare, etc.

• Core Readings:
Museum für Philologie 140 (1997), 97–128

• Further Readings:

WEEK 3
INTRODUCTION: THE STUDY OF PEACE: GREECE
September 17

• Topics:
concepts, notions and theories of peace, criteria and strategies for peace, peace time, etc.

• Core Readings:
5. C. L. Lawton, “Attic Votive Reliefs and the Peloponnesian War”, in:
Art in Athens During the Peloponnesian War, ed. O. Palagia (2009), 66–93

**Further Readings:**

**WEEK 4**

**INTRODUCTION: THE STUDY OF PEACE: ROME**

September 24

**Topics:**
concepts, notions and theories of peace, criteria and strategies for peace, *pax Romana*, etc.

**Core Readings:**

**Further Readings:**

**WEEK 5**

**COMMEMORATION OF WAR AND PEACE: GREECE**

October 1

**Topics:**
burial places (Marathon), grave monuments and funerary art, “memorial spaces”, private and public, historiography of ancient warfare, etc.

**Core Readings:**
2. B. Bosworth, “Thucydides and the Unheroic Dead”, in: Art in Athens During the Peloponnesian War, ed. O. Palagia (2009), 168–187

**Further Readings:**
5. R. Stupperich. Staatsbegräbnis und Privatgrabmal im klassischen Athen, Ph.D. Münster (1977)

**WEEK 6 COMMEMORATION OF WAR AND PEACE: ROME**

**October 8**

**Topics:**
“memorial spaces”, private and public, triumph, historiography of ancient warfare, etc.

**Core Readings:**

**Further Readings:**
3. B. A. Kellum, “What We See and What We Don’t See. Narrative
Structure and the Ara Pacis Augustae”, *Art History* 17 (1994), 46–58

**WEEK 7**

October 10–18  
FALL BREAK – NO SEMINAR!

**WEEK 8**  
**ARCHAEOLOGY OF WARFARE: BATTLEFIELDS**

October 22

**Topics:**
individual battlefields (Marathon, Teutoburg Forest, etc.), battlefields as “memorial spaces”, etc.

**Core Readings:**
7. Online resource for an English overview over the excavations at Kalkriese (esp. “finds and findings” and “news from the excavations”): http://www.kalkriese-varusschlacht.de/en/varusschlacht-archaeology-2-6/

**Further Readings:**


**Additional Activities:** 1) Guest Lecture C. Hein: “The Peace Memorial in Hiroshima”; 2) Field Trip to Gettysburg (October 24)

**WEEK 9**

**ARCHAEOLOGY OF WARFARE: FORTIFICATIONS**

October 29

**Topics:**

- Fortifications, walls, methods of fighting, concepts of defense, professionalization of warfare, construction, etc.

**Core Readings:**


**Further Readings:**

4. F. A. Cooper, “The Fortifications of Epaminondas and the Rise of the Monumental Greek City”, in: *City Walls. The Urban Enceinte in
Global Perspective, ed. J. D. Tracy (2000), 155–191


9. S. Johnson, Late Roman Fortifications (1983)

• Additional Activities: Public Lecture E. Luttwak: “Attila the Hun and Roman Strategy. A Comparison between the Earlier Romans and the East Roman Empire”

WEEK 10

SIEGE WARFARE

November 5

• Topics:
  famous sieges and their representation in art and literature, strategies and tactics, technology of warfare, etc.

• Core Readings:
  5. http://www.le.ac.uk/ar/PoisongasatDura-Europos.htm [use of poison gas in ancient siege?]

• Further Readings:
  2. B. Bosworth, “Alexander and the Army”, in: Conquest and Empire

**WEEK 11 SOLDIERS AND GENERALS**

November 13 (!), 11:00am – 1:00pm
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- **Guest Lecture K. Raaflaub:** “Riding on Homer’s Chariot: Early Greek Battles in an Epic, Historical, and Mediterranean Context”

- **Topics:**
  - structure of army, battle formations, single combat vs. mass fighting, recruiting, education of soldiers, support service, logistics, charismatic leaders, etc.

- **Core Readings:**

- **Further Readings:**

- **Additional Activities: Public Lecture K. Raaflaub:** “Peace as the Highest Good and End? The Role of Peace in Roman Thought and Politics”

**WEEK 12**

**WAR, LAW, AND JUSTICE**

November 19

- **Topics:**
  legal aspects of war and peace, diplomacy and treaty-making, conflict and reconciliation, crime and guilt

- **Core Readings:**

- **Further Readings:**

**WEEK 13**

November 26-29

THANKSGIVING BREAK – NO SEMINAR!

**WEEK 14**

**VIOLENCE AND TRAUMA**

December 3

- **Topics:**
  war and violence, victims and survivors, forms of representations of violence, Christian views on violence, the trauma of war, etc.

- **Core Readings:**

**Further Readings:**

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**WEEK 15 STUDENT PRESENTATIONS; SUMMARY AND CONCLUDING DISCUSSION**

**December 10**

**Topics:**

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