History 491: World Crisis, 1914-1941  
College of William and Mary  
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This course will examine events from the outbreak of the First World War to the beginning of the Second World War in the Pacific. Our goals are both to understand the international history of that period and to consider the role of history as a tool for analysis of current issues in foreign affairs. The course will combine aspects of a higher-level colloquium and research seminar, with intense study of specific problems of the period and an end-of-term research paper on a topic chosen by the student in consultation with the instructor. Course requirements also include a short bibliographic essay, due at mid-semester, related to the student’s research topic.