

## HISTORY 2015: EUROPEAN MILITARY HISTORY 1550-1750

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This course looks at the mechanics and the problems associated with maintaining armies and waging wars throughout the early modern period, from 1550 to 1750 circa, in western and central Europe. More specifically, the course will examine the increasing scale and expenditure of early modern wars, the impact of fortification on strategy and the movement of armies, the incidence of guerrilla war, the creation of standing armies and their professionalization, the impact of military operations on civilians, the science of siege-craft, the mechanics of moving and supplying armies, and the problems of political control over armed forces.

The course format will entail a Powerpoint lecture, followed by a tutorial in which students must respond to queries about the article assigned each week. Attendance and the ability to discuss the readings will be the base of the Participation grade. Students can obtain a 100% Participation grade by fulfilling this diligently every week. Contact me if you have a legitimate impediment so compensatory arrangements can be made.

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### Grading

Short paper	10%
Main Essay	30%
Exam	30%
Participation	30%

**Textbook:** *European Military Rivalry 1500-1750: Fierce Pageant*, London & New York, 2020, available at the Dalhousie bookstore or online.

**Short Paper readings:** (on Brightspace)

Marios Hadjianastasis, "Corsair tactics and lofty ideals: the 1607 Tuscan raid on Cyprus", in *City of Empire: Ottoman and British Famagusta*, 2016, 44-72

Louis Sicking, "Islands, pirates, privateers and the Ottoman empire in the early modern Mediterranean", *Seapower, Technology and Trade: Studies in Turkish Maritime History*, Istanbul, 2014, 239-252

## Lecture Topics

### 1) The military context, Clash of Civilizations 1550-1609

Reading: John Francis Guilmartin, "The tactics of the battle of Lepanto clarified", [www.angelfire.com/ga4/guilmartin.com](http://www.angelfire.com/ga4/guilmartin.com) (with added map), on Brightspace

### 2) Modern fortification and its impact on strategy

Reading: Geoffrey Parker, "Introduction", *The Army of Flanders and the Spanish Road, 1567-1659: The logistics of Spanish victory and defeat* (Cambridge: 1972), pp. 3-21

### 3) Wars of religion in France and the Netherlands

Reading: Ronald Love, "All the king's horsemen: The equestrian army of Henri IV, 1585-1598", *Sixteenth Century Journal*, 22, 1991, pp. 509-533.

### 4) The era of the Thirty Years' War, 1618-1660

Reading: Douglas Clark Baxter, "Functions of the early army intendants in the 1630s", *Servants of the Sword: French Intendants of the Army, 1630-1670* (Urbana: 1966), pp. 60-85

### 5) Military enterprisers in Central Europe

Reading: Geoff Mortimer, "Individual experience and perception of the Thirty Years' War in eyewitness personal accounts", *German History*, 20, 2002, 141-60

### 6) Spread of Standing armies in Europe

Reading: John Lynn, "Recalculating French army growth during the Grand Siècle, 1610-1715", *French Historical Studies*, 18, 1994, pp. 881-906.

### 7) Ottoman wars in Danubian Europe

Reading: Anonymous: *A brief chronicle of the Turkish War, from July to January 1664*, pp. 8-44; download from Killam Library Database, Early English Books Online.

### 8) Great wars against French ascendancy (1672-1715)

Reading: Thierry Sarmant & Pierre Waksman, *The King and his generals: the military correspondence of Louis XIV in 1696*, *French History*, 2008, 156-174

### 9) Armies on campaign

Readings: John Stoye, "The varied lessons on Danubian warfare, 1693-1697", *Marsigli's Europe 1680-1730: The life and times of Luigi Ferdinando Marsigli, soldier and virtuoso* (London: 1994), pp. 119-144

### 10) The classical siege

Reading: Anonymous: *An exact journal of the siege of Namur, 1695*, 28 pages; Dalhousie University database, Early English Books Online

### 11) The classical battle

Reading: La Colonie, Chapter VII, *The Chronicles of an old campaigner: M. de La Colonie 1692-1717*; pp. 166-204; Jamel Ostwald, "The "Decisive" battle of Ramillies, 1706: Prerequisites for decisiveness in early modern warfare", *Journal of Military History*, 2000, pp. 649-678.

## 12) War, taxes and economic development

*Reading:* Christopher Storrs, The Savoyard fiscal-military state in the long 18<sup>th</sup> century, *The Fiscal-Military State in 18<sup>th</sup>-century Europe*, C. Storrs ed. Burlington VT, 2009, 201-236

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