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Fall 2022 Course Proposal
The Great War, Part I: 1914-1916

Course Description: The 1st part of a planned 2-semester course, we will consider the armies, major battles, mobilization of Home Fronts, “other fronts” that receive little attention, and consequences for soldiers, military commands, governments, and peoples. As comprehensive as it can be, the course will be illustrated with PowerPoint presentations – and perhaps music!

Week 1 – 1914: War Breaks Out: Politicians, Armies & Plans.

Week 2 – Plans Begin to Go Awry: Austria-Hungary Invades Serbia; Germany Invades Belgium; Russia Invades East Prussia; Battles of the Frontiers Begins

Week 3 – Fate of the Schlieffen ‘plan’ on the Western Front - & Its Consequences.

Week 4 – The Other Fronts: Africa, Asia, & Graf Spee’s Squadron.

Week 5 – Weapons, New ‘Machines of War,’ Wounds & Medical Care.

Week 6 – 1915: Central Powers on the Eastern Front; 1st U-Boat Campaign

Week 7 – Allies Open a New Front: Dardanelles, Gallipoli, Salonika.

Week 8 – Animals of War; Supply Issues.

Week 9 – Italy Declares War on Austria-Hungary; Conflict at Isonzo River; Serbia.

Week 10 – 1916: Falkenhayn’s Verdun, February-December 1916.

Week 11 – Irish and Arabs Revolt; Women Mobilize.

Week 12 – Battle of the Somme Begins.

Week 13 – Meanwhile the U.S.; Losses, Costs, Critical Issues – So Far.

Will use A-V every meeting.

No limit on enrollment.