**War and Crime**

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The following books are required reading for this course:  
  
***War Before Civilization*** (New York: Oxford University Press) by Lawrence Keeley (Keeley)

***Un escercito di bambini: Giovani soldati nei conflitti internazionali*** (Milano: Rafaello Cortina Editore)by David M. Rosen

This course explores the relationship between war and crime. International law and the principle of *jus ad bellum* presume that some wars can be treated as just while other wars can be regarded as criminal. Similarly the principle of *jus in bello* presumes that certain conduct during war is criminal (war crimes) while other forms of conduct are lawful. This course looks at the anthropology and history of warfare to examine both the history and emergence of these principles but also how they can be understood and interpreted in the light of cross-cultural analyses of warfare. We also examine the emergence of new war crimes such as the recent prohibition on the recruitment of child soldiers.

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**Course Topical Outline**  
  
1. Introduction: The Anthropology and History of War (Keeley pp. 3-24)

What is War?

What is Crime?

What is a War Crime?

2. Waging War: Modern and Pre-Modern (Keeley 41-58)

` “A Foreign County” from Steven Pinker, *The Better Angels of Our Nature\**

3. The Ethnography of War (Keeley 59-81)

Cheyenne Warfare\*

4. The Dani: The Model of Ritualized Warfare

Film: Dead Birds   
*Dead Birds*: The “Theater” of War among the Dugum Daniby Paul Roscoe\*

5. The Laws and Customs of War

Keeley 83-112

The Geneva Conventions\*

6. International War Crimes

Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court\*

Statute of the Special Court for Sierra Leones\*

7. Global Implications

An Arsenal of Believers by Nasra Hassan\*

Islam, Terror and the Second Nuclear Age by Noah Feldman\*

Ben Taub, Journey to Jihad: Why are Teenagers Joining ISIS\*

Film: *The Battle of Algiers*

8. Suicide Terrorism

The Genesis of Suicide Terrorism by Scott Atran\*

Murder by Suicide by Scott Atran\*

The Moral Logic of Suicide Terrorism by Scott Atran\*

9. New Law of War: Child Soldiers

Jewish Partisans in the Holocaust

Rosen: Chapters 1 and 2 (pp. 1-56)

Film: *Partisans of Vilna*

10. Ethnohistorical Perspectives: The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

Rosen: Chapter 4 (pp. 91-131)

11. Ethnohistorical Perspectives : The War in Sierra Leone

Rosen: Chapter 3 ( pp. 57-90)

Film: *Cry Freetown*