WAR CRIMES, GENOCIDE, AND JUSTICE

HIST 4260.002 – Spring 2017

(Appplies to groups A, B, and C)

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Course Description

This course takes a broad look at the evolution of war crimes, genocide, and justice from antiquity to the present. We will examine how and why an international movement developed beginning at the end of the 19th century that attempted to more fully codify relations between nations during times of war. We will study the failure of that movement to mete out justice at the end of WWI, and we will consider how and why the United States came to play the preeminent role in the creation and promulgation of new international law for the prosecution of war crimes and crimes against humanity during the Second World War. Finally, we will consider the course and character of war crimes and genocide in a developing era of international justice.