



ENDING WAR: HISTORY, THEORY, AND LESSONS

Johns Hopkins University SAIS Europe Bologna

May 6th – 7th 2024

AGENDA

Monday, May 6th, 2024

12:50 **Johns Hopkins University SAIS Europe**
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13:00-18:00 **ENDING WAR: HISTORY, THEORY, AND LESSONS WORKSHOP – DAY 1**
SAIS Europe Penthouse - 4th floor

13:00 **Welcome**
Francis J. Gavin, Giovanni Agnelli Distinguished Professor and Director, Henry A. Kissinger Center for Global Affairs
Sergey Radchenko, Wilson E. Schmidt Distinguished Professor, SAIS Europe
Vladislav Zubok, Professor of International History, LSE

13:15-14:30 **Session 1 – Theory. How Wars End**
Chair: Eugene Finkel, Kenneth H. Keller Associate Professor of International Affairs, SAIS Europe
Patrick O. Cohrs, Professor of International History, University of Florence
Hein Goemans, Professor of Political Science, University of Rochester
Anatoly Levshin, Postdoctoral Fellow, Kennedy School of Gov., Harvard Univ.
Glenda Sluga, Professor of International History and Capitalism, EUI
Discussant: Dan Reiter, Samuel Candler Dobbs Professor of Political Science, Emory University **online**

14:30-14:45 Coffee Break

14:45-16:15 **Session 2 – First World War**
Chair: Glenda Sluga, Professor of International History and Capitalism, EUI
Holger Afflerbach, Professor of Modern European History, University of Leeds
Margaret MacMillan, Emeritus Professor of History, University of Toronto; Emeritus Professor of International History, Oxford University
Discussant: David Stevenson, Emeritus Professor of International History, LSE **online**

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16:15-16:30 Coffee Break

16:30-18:00 Session 3 –Cold War, Korea and Vietnam
Chair: Mark Gilbert, C. Grove Haines Professor, Professor of History and International Studies, SAIS Europe
Fredrik Logevall, Laurence D. Belfer Professor of International Affairs, HKS **online**
Lien-Hang T. Nguyen, Dorothy Borg Associate Professor in the History of the United States and East Asia, Columbia University
John L. Harper, Senior Adjunct Professor; Professor Emeritus, Johns Hopkins University at SAIS Europe
Discussant: Francis J. Gavin, Giovanni Agnelli Distinguished Professor and Director, Henry A. Kissinger Center for Global Affairs

Tuesday, May 7th, 2024

9:00-15:30 ENDING WAR: HISTORY, THEORY, AND LESSONS WORKSHOP – DAY 2
SAIS Europe Penthouse - 4th floor

9:00-10:30 Session 4 – Yugoslavia War
Chair: Sergey Radchenko
Mile Bjelajac, Director, the Institute of Contemporary Studies, Belgrade
Marie-Janine Calic, Professor for East and Southeast European History, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität
Radmila Nakarada, Professor Emeritus, University of Belgrade
Discussant: Svetozar Rajak, Associate Professor of International History, LSE

10:30-10:45 Coffee Break

10:45-12:15 Session 5 – Afghanistan. Soviet and American Experience
Chair: Vladislav Zubok, Professor of International History, LSE
Elizabeth Leake, Lee E. Dirks Professor in Diplomatic History and Associate Professor of History at the Fletcher School, Tufts University
Carter Malkasian, The Naval Postgraduate School **online**
Elena Racheva, Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Sociology, University of Oxford
Discussant: Sergey Radchenko, Wilson E. Schmidt Distinguished Professor, SAIS Europe

12:30-14:00 Lunch with the workshop participants
SAIS Europe Café – ground floor

14:00-15:30 Section 6: The Russia-Ukraine War : an End in Sight ?
SAIS Europe Auditorium – ground floor
Moderator: Shashank Joshi, Defense Editor, The Economist
Veronica Anghel, Lecturer, SAIS Europe
Hal Brands, Henry A. Kissinger Distinguished Professor, JHU SAIS
Keith Gessen, Journalist, Assistant Professor of Journalism, Columbia University **online**
Michael Kofman, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

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Holger Afflerbach is Professor of Modern European History at the University of Leeds. He published widely on European international politics from the 1870s to 1919, and on military history. Among his books are a biography of the German Chief of Staff Erich von Falkenhayn; a history of the Atlantic Ocean; a study of the Triple Alliance (1881-1915); an edition of sources from the German Headquarters in World War I; a collected volume on the outbreak of war in 1914 (with David Stevenson: *An improbable war?*, 2007); and two books on the history of surrender (a collected volume, edited with Hew Strachan: *How Fighting ends* (2012); and a single authored book, *Die Kunst der Niederlage* (2013). He published in 2018 a history of Germany during the First World War; the English version 'On a Knife Edge. How Germany lost the First World War', was published by CUP in 2022. Afflerbach was in 2012/13 Fellow of the Historische Kolleg, Munich, and in 2014/15 member of the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton.

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Anatoly Levshin is a Ph.D. candidate in political science, specializing in international relations with extensive training in quantitative methods and political theory. He has previously served as the Parker D. Handy Prize Fellow in Public Affairs (2013-14) and a Woodrow Wilson Fellow (2017-18). He has also served as a teaching assistant for undergraduate courses in international relations and quantitative methods. Anatoly is primarily interested in the intellectual origins, historical development, and institutional mechanics of international order in the modern states system. His dissertation, written under the supervision of G. John Ikenberry (chair), Gary J. Bass, and Aaron L. Friedberg, explores the creation of the League of Nations and United Nations as organizations for collective security. He previously researched the development of international penal jurisdiction for the crime of aggressive war. His work has been supported by, among others, the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada and the Government of Alberta, Canada, as well as by Princeton's University Center for Human Values, the Mamdouha S. Bobst Center for Peace and Justice, Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies, and the Center for International Security Studies jointly with the Bradley Foundation. Before coming to Princeton, Anatoly studied at the University of Oxford (M.Phil. in International Relations, 2013) and Queen's University, Canada (B.A. (Honours) in Political Studies, 2011).

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