



## SS 256GP-01 LAW, WAR, & EMPIRE IN MODERN WORLD HISTORY

Fall 2018 Thursdays 9:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m. • North Hall room 305 • Professor Roy Tsao

This course examines the moral basis of the modern state's right to wage war, and of the legal rules and conventions that are supposed to constrain the legitimate uses of force in the conduct of war. We will give close attention to the ways in which the ethics of war has historically been shaped by historical and political factors, from the emergence of the modern state system in the seventeenth century, to the rise of anti-colonial insurgencies in the twentieth. We will also consider the impact of technological innovations, including the recent introduction of remote-controlled, lethally-armed drone aircraft.