WWII: Propaganda, POW and Practices of Violence
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Tuesdays 9:30-12 P.M.

This seminar examines the Second World War in a global framework. We will look at the social, cultural, military, and political contexts of the war from many national perspectives, from it's pre-history in Asia, to Fascist aggressions in Europe that caused mass mobilizations, to the U.S. atomic bombing of Japan that led to its end. Three main themes unite the course: propaganda, prisoners of war and captives, and practices of violence. Students will analyze written and visual texts (newsreels) and present on them to the class.