



Yevgeny Khaldel, 'Victory Banner over the Reichstag' (1945).

HIU12043 **The World Wars, 1914-1945**

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Credits **5 ECTS**

Semester **Hilary Term**

Assessment A 1,000-1,500-word book or film review (40%), and a 2,000-word end-of-term essay (60%).

Description World War I and World War II were the key events in twentieth-century history, shaping our contemporary world. Societies mobilized for “total war” and aimed for unconditional victory, sacrificing unprecedented amounts of blood and treasure. Through lectures and tutorials using primary and secondary sources encompassing the latest scholarly perspectives, this module analyses these formative events. Through these wars, our contemporary world came into being, and this module helps to understand the wars as interrelated processes of social transformation.