

**THE MEDITERRANEAN IN HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE**  
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**G42.2660 (x-listed with History and Hellenic Studies)**

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This course will focus on war and civil war in the twentieth-century Mediterranean. We will compare and contrast the experiences of Spain, Greece and Italy, as well as of other countries of Southern Europe, and analyze how the legacy of civil war has contributed to shaping contemporary national identities. This course will address major methodological questions concerning how we understand war and civil war in the fields of history and social sciences. We will also discuss the peculiarity, if any, of civil wars in the Mediterranean, in relation to the wider historical context of twentieth-century Europe. Selected movies will broaden the discussion to include the reflection on how memories of civil war have changed over distinct historical periods, in relation to institutional, political, and socio-cultural transformations on both domestic and global levels.