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## Peace and War

### CONTRIBUTIONS TO HISTORICAL PEACE RESEARCH

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Peace as the limitation and reduction of collective violence and war as the organized use of collective violence are the poles between which the work of Historical Peace Research is situated. This approach seeks to take up ideas from other scientific disciplines, both in terms of methodology and in terms of research areas. Historical Peace Research is particularly indebted to research objectives of social, political and cultural history. Peace movements, peace efforts and peace processes are part of its field of enquiry, but also the history of the military and the use of violence in wartime. Not least, it includes a reflection on the idea of a progress towards a non-violent modernity, in terms of both an intellectual history and a history of scientific concepts.

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