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#### Seminar

Organizer: Chair of Prof. Ursprung

Lecturers : Dr. Samia Henni

Time : Fridays 10 - 12

Location : HIL C 10.2

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#### ABSTRACT

Since the second wave of colonialism, and increasingly after 9/11 and the Global War on Terror, wars have moved to cities and urban areas. The seminar investigates how wars and cities have intimately shape each other throughout military, architectural, and planning histories.

#### AIM

The aim is to explore architecture and urban planning in war zones and examine the strategic design of destructions and constructions of built environments, including fortifications, barricades, bases, bastions, borders, bunkers, camps, infrastructure, monuments, prisons, towers, tunnels, and walls.

#### CONTENT

The design of fortifications of towns was intended to protect populations from war land attacks. With the advancement of warfare technologies, cities became subjected to other forms of offensives and counter-offensives; and thereby, further strategies and systems of assaults, protection, security, surveillance, and control were gradually designed and planned. The seminar examines these designs and their implementations through a wide range of urban war zones and specific case studies, including the French Revolution (1789-1799), the Anglo-Boar Wars (1880-1881; 1899-1902), the Second World War (1939-1945), the Indochina War (1946-1954), the Israeli-Palestinian War (1948-), the Algerian Revolution (1954-1962), the Vietnam War (1955-1975), the Lebanese Civil War (1975-1990), the Yugoslav Wars (1991-2001), the War in Afghanistan (2001-2014), 9/11, the Iraq War (2003-), and Tahrir Square (2011).

The seminar is delivered through a series of weekly lectures and discussions of assigned readings. Students will be expected to complete one reading per week and conduct one text presentation/discussion per semester.

All lectures, readings, and discussions will be held in English. Those who wish to participate in the course are requested to attend the first introductory lecture on 24 February 2017. For any inquiries, please contact Dr. Samia Henni: [samia.henni@gta.arch.ethz.ch](mailto:samia.henni@gta.arch.ethz.ch)