

LET'S KEEP TALKING ABOUT (THE) WAR

Is this a 'just' war? Who profits from war?
Are there puppet-masters?
Where's the moral or spiritual leadership?

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“The first casualty when war comes is truth”, US Senator Hiram W. Johnson famously proclaimed in 1917. And for George Orwell, “All the war-propaganda, all the screaming and lies and hatred, comes invariably from people who are not fighting”.

With the gory history of war demonstrably illustrating its futility again and again, how is it that the human species still seems addicted to war? This open public meeting will enable a deep conversation about war, seen from every perspective – historical, economic, political and spiritual.

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“Blame for conflict not all at Putin’s door”

...most people know that Russia has behaved criminally. But it is foolish to think the invasion is simply down to Putin’s imperial ambitions and wickedness and ignore the historical context.

The Russian-speaking Dombas and Lubansk areas voted for independence after the 2014 Ukraine coup (which ousted democratically elected president Yanukovich). ... War could have been avoided if the US hadn’t effectively sabotaged the Minsk agreement that allowed some autonomy for those regions. ...The US promised Russia not to move eastward when the Soviet Union broke up.

...Like the US, Russians don’t want nuclear missiles that could hit their capital in five minutes. They have been complaining about NATO’s eastward expansion for well over a decade.

...It is good we are getting some discussion of the Ukraine war, albeit at a local level. It is a disgrace that national debate on this war has been shut down. ...Our leaders are not only indifferent to the loss of Ukrainian life, but are gambling with all our lives.

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