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Articles on the general topic are invited; the subtopics listed are provided by way of example and suggestion only. Submissions to *PMLA* must meet the requirements given in the statement of editorial policy.

War

Deadline for submissions: 1 November 2007

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Heraclitus says, "War [*polemos*] is both father of all and king of all: it reveals the gods on the one hand and humans on the other, makes slaves on the one hand, the free on the other" (trans. Gregory Fried). *PMLA* invites analyses of war as a structure of feeling and as an objective reality. Examinations of any and all war-related forms of aesthetics, rhetoric, text, theory, emotion, and performance in ancient, medieval, modern, and postmodern times will be considered. How do literature, religion, theology, and metaphysics—indeed, how do radio, film, new media, and live performance—reflect, rationalize, or prevent the launching of war, or of peace? Have books or performances started wars or stopped them? What is the effect of medicalization, humanitarianism, environmentalism, racialization, nationalism, and capitalism on the conduct and propagation of war? What are the changing roles of the animal, the human, and the machine in the ecology of war? The journal invites submissions that shed light on the theory and performance of wars past and present—and also prognoses for the future of war and peace—with reference to both cultural particularity and worldwide scope.

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The translated essays should normally not exceed *PMLA*'s 9,000-word limit. The Editorial Board will approve or decline the proposals, evaluate the quality of the translations, and cooperate with the proposers and translators.

Little-Known Documents

MLA members are invited to submit to the *PMLA* Editorial Board proposals regarding little-known documentary material that merits the attention of a broad range of readers. Consideration will be given to archival data from any period and in any language that do not exceed *PMLA*'s 9,000-word limit.

A member who wishes to make a proposal should provide the managing editor with the following materials: (1) a photocopy of the document, (2) an extended summary of the document in English, (3) an introductory statement of approximately 1,000 words, prepared in accordance with MLA style, that will be published with the document if it is accepted, (4) information on the copyright status of the original (if the document is accepted for publication, the proposer will be responsible for obtaining permission to print it). In addition, if the document is not in English and if the proposer wishes to serve as translator or to designate a translator (who must also be an MLA member), the proposal should include a 1,000-word sample of the translation; otherwise the Editorial Board will select a translator of accepted non-English material. The Editorial Board will approve or decline the proposals.

Solicited Contributions

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