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12:00 pm

Willard Room in the Zimmerman Library

Drugs and War: What is the Relationship?

Peter Andreas tells the story of war from antiquity to the modern age through the lens of six psychoactive drugs: alcohol, tobacco, caffeine, opium, amphetamines, and cocaine. Armed conflict has become progressively more "drugged" with the global spread of these mind-altering substances. From ancient brews and battles to meth and modern warfare, drugs and war have grown up together and become addicted to each other. By looking back not just years and decades but centuries, Andreas reveals that the drugs-conflict nexus is actually an old story, and that powerful states have been its biggest beneficiaries.

Peter Andreas is the John Hay Professor of International Studies at Brown University where he holds a joint appointment with the Department of Political Science. Andreas is the author, co-author, or co-editor of ten . His current book project, *Killer High: A History of War in Six Drugs* (under contract with Oxford University Press), explores the relationship between warfare and mind altering substances, from ancient times to the present. Andreas has also written for a wide range of scholarly and policy publications, including *International Security*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Foreign Affairs*, *Foreign Policy*, *The New Republic*, *Harper's*, *Slate*, *Nation*.



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