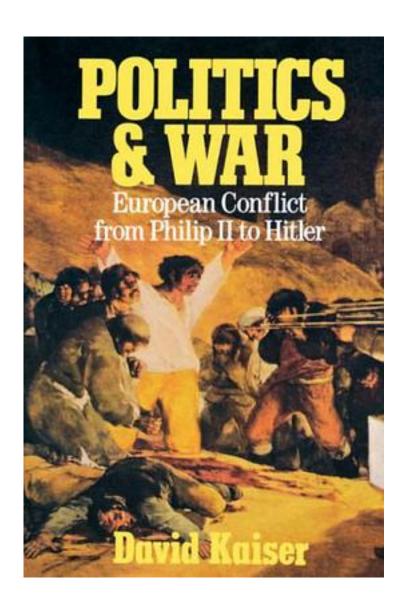
## Politics and War



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David Kaiser looks at four hundred years of modern European history to find the political causes of general war in four district periods (1559-1659, 1661-1713, 1792-1815, and 1914-1915). He shows how war became a natural function of politics, a logical consequence of contemporary political behaviour. Rather than fighting simply to expand, states in each war fought for specific political and economic reasons. The book illustrates the extraordinary power of politics and war in modern western civilisation, if not in history as a whole. In a new preface and chapter, Kaiser shows which aspects of four past areas of conflict do, and do not, seem relevant to the immediate future, and he sketches out some new possibilities for Europe.

I must confess that a partial reading of this book has supplied me with surprisingly copious amount of talkativeness which has charmed no less than a few chicks...I swear

I'll re-read it, someday...

General war in Europe does not normally grow out of the ambitions of one power or coalition, but reflects a common set of European political developments among all the

major European powers. 作者从整个欧洲政治的演变状况来看待欧洲历史上四个战争较为频繁的年代。但是我从感觉本书的论证较为粗糙,而且每个年代都有一根政治演变发展的主线,作者没有指明,因而每个年代显得很孤立,内容有点散架。本书的英语还是比较简单,对于国际关系专业的学生来说是不错的阅读书目。

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