This conference will provide an opportunity for reflection and discussion on the world wars of the last century and about the risks of a great power war today. It will be held alongside the 2014 preparatory committee meetings for the 2015 Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Review conference at the United Nations. We hope to spark a discussion and increase awareness about the dangers posed by nuclear weapons in the context of new arms races between the world's leading powers.

The conference brings together activists and academics with expertise in the emerging threats in key regions: from wars, resource conflicts, and profound ongoing political realignments in the Middle East to growing tensions in the Western Pacific over territory and resources, as well as the United States' strategic "pivot" to Asia. The presenters will discuss the risks of great power wars, the implication of those dangers for peace and disarmament efforts, and the kinds of movements we will need to build a path to a more peaceful world.

On Sunday, May 4, Abolition 2000 will hold its annual general meeting, 9am-6pm, at 320 Studios, 320 W 37th St, 14th Fl (btw 8th & 9th Avenues).

Our intention is that the Facing the Dangers conference on Saturday will contribute to discussion and planning at the Abolition 2000 meeting.

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Assembly Hall, Judson Memorial Church
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(South of Washington Square Park)

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**FACING THE DANGERS OF A 21ST CENTURY GREAT POWER WAR**

**A CONFERENCE ON THE CENTENARY OF WW I**

Saturday, May 3; 9:00am - 5:30pm
Looking forward, looking backward: WWI, today's risk of a great power war, peace movements, and disarmament

Chair: Lucas Wirl, International Network of Engineers and Scientists for Global Responsibility

Introduction, overview (by the conveners)

World War I: Anticipations and realities
Erhard Crome, Rosa Luxemburg Foundation, Germany

The history of World War I, and the remembrance of its centenary, generally is focused on Europe and its settler colonies, despite its impact on the entire world. The role and view of the rest of the world of the meaning of WWI then and now
Zia Mian, Princeton University

The risk of great power war today and arms control and disarmament movements: what have we learned from the past, or even the present?
Andrew Lichterman, Western States Legal Foundation

The limits of the moral imagination: industrialized warfare, moral thresholds, and the forgotten history of arms control: what can we learn from the past about avoiding disastrous wars in the future?

Chair: Alicia Godsberg, Peace Action New York
John Burroughs, Lawyers Committee on Nuclear Policy
Paul Walker, Green Cross International
Götz Nuneck, Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy, University of Hamburg

Disarmament movements, peace movements, and what is to be done amidst a new round of great power competition and conflict?

Chairs: Joseph Gerson, American Friends Service Committee, & Jackie Cabasso, Western States Legal Foundation
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