This course considers WWII from a transnational perspective by examining the motives, strategies, and interactions of the Axis powers and their global quest for empire and world domination. It shifts the geographical focus from the European and Anglo-American spheres to Eurasia and considers how and why Asia came to play a pivotal role in fascist visions of a new world order. Thematic explorations of the ideological, economic, cultural, and technological aspects of the alliance will complicate the traditional military narrative of total war. In addition to scholarly writings, we will draw upon a variety of primary sources such as government documents, propaganda materials, and film and news clips. Requirements include a midterm and final exam and a 5-7 page topical paper.