



## Origins of The Cold War

### *Introduction to Origins of the Cold War*

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Hello, I'm Christian Bailey, one of the authors for the module Europe: 1914-1989: War, Peace, Modernity. You may remember that in Unit 12 we looked at the outbreak of the Cold War and how the victorious allies from the Second World War became Cold War enemies. In this unit, we also focused on the different historiographical approaches to this unique form of conflict. The Cold War allows us to discuss the many ways in which we can study history because it was a war fought on so many fronts: being waged through diplomacy, via various forms of cultural production and performance and through an arms race and more broadly through technological, industrial and economic competition. Accordingly, historians have recognised that it isn't enough to explain the Cold War by using conventional diplomatic history sources alone. Instead, Cold War historians have increasingly combined diplomatic history approaches with other forms of social and cultural history, as well as adopting methodologies from other disciplines.