In this talk, Professor Ruetenik will examine the seemingly legendary analogies between sports and war. But do sports function, or can they function, as what U.S. philosopher William James called "the moral equivalent of war"? In this talk, Ruetenik will argue that the tendency of sports to sublimate aggressive impulses is overrated. It is instead the case in the contemporary United States, where the symbiotic relationship between sports culture and war culture is especially noticeable.

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**Friday, September 16, 2022**
**at 5:00 pm,**
**COE, Room 164**
**An Informal Reception to Follow**