Origins of European war

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War = conflict among states w/ military force

- tradition of rivalry
    - war = culmination of rivalry
    - Hobbes: all means = ratified
- peace = *no war*

1 Functional

- reassessing power
- drawing borders $\Rightarrow$ major instrument of statemaking

2 Result

- state administration (taxes, etc.)

3 Enemy = necessary for state-building

Tilly: using a threat (even inventing) to improve nation-building

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4 True outside Eur.?

- Hardly exportable outside

5 Still true?

- territorial disputes less important
- non-state actors

Rivalry doesn't have same meaning; war comes from Eur. history $\Rightarrow$ reconsider conflict

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