

UQ Summer or Winter Research Project Description

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Project title:	Economists for Peace: The Anti-War Origins of Free Trade
Project duration:	<i>8 weeks</i>
Description:	From 1800-1815 Britain was at war with France, and this is the same period in which political economy first emerged as a distinct science. The war context was crucial for the development of political economy, as economists drew attention to the <i>economic</i> costs of conflict as they advocated free trade as an alternative strategy for world order. This project will examine how the economic case for peace was made and the opposition it faced from arguments centred on state security.
Expected outcomes and deliverables:	Scholars will gain skills in reading primary texts and describing the intellectual contexts in which ideas are forged. This will also lead to knowledge of the period and its political dynamics. The primary output will be a number of research briefs that detail key texts and the parliamentary debates in which they were involved.
Suitable for:	Suitable for all Arts and Social Science students. No background in history is necessary as this training will form part of the program.
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