

## Gerda Taro: an unusual woman

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This year, on 18 July to be exact, is the 75th anniversary of the start of a struggle which, in many respects, marked the 20th century and today, 72 years after its conclusion, continues to divide public opinion throughout the world. It is an analogy of what should never, in any context or for any reason, be repeated yet which unfortunately seems to happen all the time and in the

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most dissimilar parts of the world. The person who recorded this appalling yet moving conflict that led a country to a holocaust lasting nearly 40 years helped turn photography into indisputable testimonial proof.

It is no coincidence, then, that the world should have celebrated the century since her birth last year or that it is about to celebrate the 75 years since her death in 2012.