

## Course details

### Course title

History: What if (the road not travelled)

### Course code

Q00017277

### Course date

Start: 11/09/24

End: 27/11/24

### Number of classes

10 sessions

### Timetable

Wed 11th Sep, 13:00 to 15:00

Wed 18th Sep, 13:00 to 15:00

Wed 25th Sep, 13:00 to 15:00

Wed 2nd Oct, 13:00 to 15:00

Wed 9th Oct, 13:00 to 15:00

Wed 30th Oct, 13:00 to 15:00

Wed 6th Nov, 13:00 to 15:00

Wed 13th Nov, 13:00 to 15:00

Wed 20th Nov, 13:00 to 15:00

Wed 27th Nov, 13:00 to 15:00

### Branch

Ruislip and Uxbridge Branch

### Tutor

Kate Antoniou

### Fee range

Free to £74.00

## How you'll learn

You'll join a small group of fellow learners for classes online in video meetings and materials will be provided in our virtual learning environment.

Got it!

Online

## Venue

Online

## Level of study

Beginners

## Course overview

This virtual history course delves into the fascinating realm of counterfactual history, exploring pivotal moments in history and imagining alternate outcomes. Through looking at what happened in situations where the outcome was not at all clear cut, we will analyse the factors that shaped historical events and speculate on how different choices could have led to alternate trajectories. Through discussion and speculation on everything from medieval battles to modern political decisions, this course offers a unique perspective on the "what ifs" of history. How might the world be different today if the outcome had been different? Join the class to find out.

## Course description

"In this course, we will have the opportunity to explore key moments in history and considered the potential outcomes of alternate decisions and events. By examining and discussing counterfactual scenarios, we will have gained a deeper understanding of the complexities of historical events and the long lasting impact of these pivotal moments. Starting with the Battle of Hastings, we will examine the enormous impact of the Norman victory and its consequences. Other topics which will be considered will be the possibility of Henry VIII having received his annulment from Katherine of Aragon from the Pope. How might England be different today if this had been granted. Other topics will include the possibility that the American War of Independence had been avoided. We will also look at the likely outcome if Ireland had been granted Home Rule in 1912. Further counterfactual scenarios will concentrate on both world wars such as Britain not declaring war on Germany in 1914. More recent history will look at possible outcomes if President Kennedy has survived the attack in Dallas in 1963, and

consider the situation had Gorbachev not become leader of the USSR in 1985. Join the class to enjoy speculating on alternative outcomes to major historical events."

## What financial support is available?

We don't want anything to stand in your way when it comes to bringing Adult learning within reach so if you need anything to support you to achieve your goals then speak to one of our education experts during your enrolment journey. Most of our courses are government funded but if you don't qualify or need alternative financial help to access them then let us know.

## What other support is available?

All of our digital content, teaching and learning activities and assessments are designed to be accessible so if you need any additional support you can discuss this with the education experts during your enrolment journey and we will do all we can to make sure you have optimal access.

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