

Course details

Course title

History: History of Ideas: The Big Questions Part 2

Course code

Q00017976

Course date

Start: 22/04/25

End: 27/05/25

Number of classes

6 sessions

Timetable

Tue 22nd Apr, 10:30 to 12:30

Tue 29th Apr, 10:30 to 12:30

Tue 6th May, 10:30 to 12:30

Tue 13th May, 10:30 to 12:30

Tue 20th May, 10:30 to 12:30

Tue 27th May, 10:30 to 12:30

Branch

Enfield and Southgate Branch

Tutor

Brandon Robshaw

Fee range

Free to £72.00

How you'll learn

You'll join a small group of fellow learners for classes at the venue indicated. Some materials may be provided in our virtual learning environment.

Got it!

In venue

Venue

Enfield Baptist Church (Enfield) (Enfiel
Cecil Road
Enfield
EN2 6TG

Level of study

Beginners

Course overview

One of the most fascinating aspects of the history of ideas is learning how ideas have a life of their own, influencing society and culture through successive generations in different ways. In this 6-week course we'll focus on a different important and influential question each week. We cover philosophy, literature, science and history. We'll read and discuss selected extracts which will be circulated beforehand. The course covers a sweep of over 2000 years, from the ancient Greeks to modern times.

Course description

Big questions that were debated in the ancient world are still being threshed out today. Each session will cover a different big question that has been influential throughout history. The questions are: what is the meaning of Plato's allegory of the cave? can it be proved that God exists? what is Kant's theory of morality? Are mind and body separate? Why trust science and what is the point of sport?

Selected readings will be circulated before each class so you can prepare your thoughts in advance. The course is very much centred on participation from learners, and there will be opportunities for you to suggest additional topics for sessions. You'll gain an understanding of how different philosophers and artists have influenced each other and be stimulated to pursue further reading of your own. This is a course for everyone who enjoys good-natured debate and wants to exercise their brain. And of course, tea and biscuits feature in every class.

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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