

Course details

Course title

History: The Ottoman Empire - Fall 1876-1922

Course code

Q00017956

Course date

Start: 15/01/25

End: 26/03/25

Number of classes

10 sessions

Timetable

Wed 15th Jan, 10:00 to 12:00

Wed 22nd Jan, 10:00 to 12:00

Wed 29th Jan, 10:00 to 12:00

Wed 5th Feb, 10:00 to 12:00

Wed 12th Feb, 10:00 to 12:00

Wed 26th Feb, 10:00 to 12:00

Wed 5th Mar, 10:00 to 12:00

Wed 12th Mar, 10:00 to 12:00

Wed 19th Mar, 10:00 to 12:00

Wed 26th Mar, 10:00 to 12:00

Branch

Bromley Central Branch

Tutor

Laurie Johnston

Fee range

Free to £84.00

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

Ripley Arts Centre (Bromley)
24 Sundridge Avenue
Bromley
BR1 2PX

Level of study

Beginners

Course overview

The last 50 years of the Ottoman Empire continues to drive current events and politics in Europe and the Middle East. In this course we consider the events, characters and forces that lead to its breakup including the modernisation attempts of the 'Young Turk' movement, the Balkan Wars of 1912-13, The Great War (including the Arab Revolt, the Armenian Genocide and the Turkish War of Independence. We finish by considering the rise of the new secular state of Turkey and the legacy of the Ottomans and why a century after its end the Ottoman Empire is still relevant throughout southeastern Europe, North Africa and the Middle East.

Course description

A period of hope and constitutional reform soon gave way to military defeat in the Balkans and Africa and unrest in Anatolia and Rumelia. We consider the experiment in merging enlightenment liberalism with Islam through the 'Young Turk' movement sought constitutional reform and modernisation within the existing structures of the Empire and its eventual failure. We will ask hard questions about how the Ottomans turned away from tolerance towards a narrow polity with bitter consequences. We examine the outbreak of World War One, the experience of the war in the empire and the total defeat that brought its end. We also ask whether it was inevitable. We consider the major events, personalities and trends of these years – the Balkan Wars, The Great War, the Arab Revolt, the Armenian massacres of the 1890s and 1909 followed by the Genocide of 1915 and the Turkish War of Independence as well as political, economic, religious, social and cultural developments. Much use will be made of contemporary literature and art as well as a

wealth of documentary evidence as well as the latest historical analysis. Most importantly we consider the aftermath of the Empire and its consequences for the world that we live in.

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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