



Course details

Course title

History: Architectural Pomp, Trauma & Resurgence, Berlin, 1800 to 2000

Course code

Q00018042

Course date

Start: 07/06/25

End: 07/06/25

Number of classes

1 sessions

Timetable

Sat 7th Jun, 10:00 to 16:00

Tutor

Guest Speaker

Fee range

Free to £25.20

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

Reading International Solidarity Centre
35-39 London Street
Reading

Level of study

Beginners

Course overview

This course studies how the architecture of the dynamic Berlin that we see today has been shaped by the events of its troubled history and by the ambitions and styles of its leaders. From 1740 to 1945, Berlin saw a series of aggressive war leaders who sought to make Prussia and then Germany the dominant force in the world, eventually styling Berlin as the capital of the world. Utterly destroyed by 1945, Berlin was reborn as two distinct cities, one rebuilt in Western and the other in Communist styling. Since the Wall fell in 1989, the united city has flourished, embracing grand city plans and modern, hi-tech architecture.

Course description

This day school studies the cityscape and architecture of Berlin, now a bustling and attractive city for foreign visitors as the enlightened capital of a successful, cultured and democratic country. We will take a close look at the cityscape and architecture of today's Berlin and see how it reveals the evidence of its dramatic and traumatic past.

This is the city that was at the centre of world events for over 200 years, witnessing triumphs and trauma beyond those associated with any other European capital. Developed initially as the capital of Prussia, it became the proud capital of a united Germany in 1871 and prospered right up to the First World War. Berlin was little damaged in that war, but the defeat of Germany led to the formation of a Republic for 14 years, famed for the Bauhaus, modernist architectures and social housing programmes. Adolf Hitler returned Berlin to its militaristic origins and to new bombastic architectures. Much of the old city was destroyed in World War II, and the ensuing Cold War divided Berlin into two antagonistic and embittered cities, West Berlin reborn in Western Style, East Berlin in Russian Communist style. Since the fall of the Wall in 1989, the united city has flourished, embracing grand city plans and modern, hi-tech architecture.

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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