

## Course details

### Course title

History: Byzantium, the Great Age

### Course code

Q00015932

### Course date

Start: 16/09/24

End: 09/12/24

### Number of classes

12 sessions

### Timetable

Thu 19th Sep, 11:45 to 13:45

Thu 26th Sep, 11:45 to 13:45

Thu 3rd Oct, 11:45 to 13:45

Thu 10th Oct, 11:45 to 13:45

Thu 17th Oct, 11:45 to 13:45

Thu 24th Oct, 11:45 to 13:45

Thu 7th Nov, 11:45 to 13:45

Thu 14th Nov, 11:45 to 13:45

Thu 21st Nov, 11:45 to 13:45

Thu 28th Nov, 11:45 to 13:45

Thu 5th Dec, 11:45 to 13:45

Thu 12th Dec, 11:45 to 13:45

### Tutor

Gary Slator

### Fee range

Free to £100.80

## 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.

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In venue

## Venue

Online

## Qualification name & awarding organisation

History: Byzantium, the Great Age ()

## Level of study

Beginners

## Course overview

How did the Roman Empire survive the great challenges it faced during the later 8th century? We will examine how the later reign of Konstantine V and then his heirs not only oversaw an even stricter type of iconoclasm, but also how they brought about other key developments within mediaeval Roman society. We will also explore how the struggle against the Abbasid Caliphate continued to evolve. Finally, we will look at the emergence of Empress Eirene during the later years of the eighth century, and how she maintained her grip on power, despite much internal opposition.

## Course description

This course will look at how the Roman Empire survived the greatest doctrinal crisis in iconoclasm, and then in such an atmosphere how the Roman state continued to adapt and evolve into the later 8th century. As part of that evolution, we will go on to examine the later reign of Konstantine and his struggle against the Bulgars as well the other legal reforms he attempted to introduce, with particular reference to the maritime laws and land reforms, comparing the surviving archaeological and literary evidence for the effects of those changes. We will then consider the manner in which Leo IV then attempted to continue and expand upon that imperial legacy, in both religious and strategic goals for the Empire. Finally, we will look at how Empress Eirene was finally placed in such a position as to be able to gain power for herself, though still acting principally as a regent for her own son. Additionally, we will also consider the nature of the major changes within the Islamic world as the Abbasid Caliphate developed and grew, and how that in turn would impact on Roman affairs as well the wider Western world.

## 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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