

Course details

Course title

History: 10 Political Classics that Changed the World

Course code

Q00018505

Course date

Start: 11/09/24

End: 27/11/24

Number of classes

10 sessions

Timetable

Wed 11th Sep, 10:00 to 12:00

Wed 18th Sep, 10:00 to 12:00

Wed 25th Sep, 10:00 to 12:00

Wed 2nd Oct, 10:00 to 12:00

Wed 9th Oct, 10:00 to 12:00

Wed 16th Oct, 10:00 to 12:00

Wed 6th Nov, 10:00 to 12:00

Wed 13th Nov, 10:00 to 12:00

Wed 20th Nov, 10:00 to 12:00

Wed 27th Nov, 10:00 to 12:00

Branch

Reigate 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 10-week course delves into ten seminal classic texts that have profoundly shaped political thought and governance across the world. From ancient philosophical treatises starting with Plato's Republic to modern declarations of rights and treaties, each document represents a milestone in the development of political ideas. We will explore the historical context, core arguments, and lasting impacts of these influential works. Delving into questions which are just as relevant today, such as 'what is the role of the state?' or 'is democracy the ideal form of government?' to gain a deeper understanding of these works contributions to political theory and practice.

Course description

Join us to explore 10 different texts which help us to examine fundamental questions such as 'what is it to live a good life?', 'what is the proper role of the state, and how is this best balanced with honouring individual rights?' For each of the texts we will be looking at the historical context of the work and how it came to be produced and its impact on later thought and examining extracts from the works. Starting with Plato's republic we will look at his views on what an ideal state looks like and investigate his influence on western philosophy. Next we will be investigating the Magna Carta and how this challenges the right of the King, raising the issue of limiting royal authority. Later sessions will focus on 'The Prince' by Machiavelli and we will examine its analysis of political realism, statecraft and power. How relevant is his analysis now and can we see this approach in the modern world? The Communist Manifesto will be delved into and amongst other works we will also be looking at texts which emphasis individual liberties and human rights such as the 'Declaration of Independence, 'The Rights of Man' and 'A vindication of the Rights of Women'.

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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