



Course details

Course title

History: Trade, Empire and Migration in Nineteenth Century Britain

Course code

Q00018727

Course date

Start: 24/09/24

End: 12/11/24

Number of classes

8 sessions

Timetable

Tue 24th Sep, 10:00 to 11:30

Tue 1st Oct, 10:00 to 11:30

Tue 8th Oct, 10:00 to 11:30

Tue 15th Oct, 10:00 to 11:30

Tue 22nd Oct, 10:00 to 11:30

Tue 29th Oct, 10:00 to 11:30

Tue 5th Nov, 10:00 to 11:30

Tue 12th Nov, 10:00 to 11:30

Tutor

George O'Reilly

Fee range

Free to £44.40

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

By the second half of the nineteenth century, as a result of an industrial revolution and the growth of trade and Empire, Britain had become 'the workshop of the world', importing raw materials and exporting manufactured goods across the globe. Alongside these developments were great movements of people – emigration to other countries in search of a better life, internal migration from Scotland and Ireland to England, migration from countryside to towns in search of work, and immigration into Britain from European countries such as Russia, Germany and Italy. Our course will examine the connections between Britain's trade, its empire and the migration of people in the nineteenth century.

Course description

Rural poverty, lack of jobs and the enclosures of land were incentives for migration to the new industrial towns of Britain. Urbanisation was progressing rapidly – for the first time, by 1850, more people lived in cities than in the countryside. By 1900 the figure had risen to over 75% living in cities .

Trade and the movement of goods required the expansion of Britain's docks, canals, ports and transport systems, creating more employment opportunities. Trade produced enormous benefits but also tragic consequences - wars with China and America and colonial conflicts from India to South Africa. The history of the trade in tea, sugar, gold, opium and cotton had a very dark side

Amongst other subjects covered on the course will be emigration to America and Australia; the colonisation of Africa; the Lancashire cotton industry's connections with the American South; India and the role of the East India Company; and Britain's urban communities of Irish, Jewish, Italian and German immigrants in the nineteenth century.

Classes are interactive with plenty of discussion and take place in a friendly relaxed atmosphere. Reading and research beyond the class room are encouraged and can be shared via the Canvas programme. A small amount of written response to class subject matter is also encouraged .

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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