

## Course details

### Course title

History: Modern Russia - From Lenin to Putin

### Course code

Q00012931

### Course date

Start: 13/02/25

End: 27/03/25

### Number of classes

7 sessions

### Timetable

Wed 12th Feb, 10:30 to 12:30

Wed 19th Feb, 10:30 to 12:30

Wed 26th Feb, 10:30 to 12:30

Wed 5th Mar, 10:30 to 12:30

Wed 12th Mar, 10:30 to 12:30

Wed 19th Mar, 10:30 to 12:30

Wed 26th Mar, 10:30 to 12:30

### Tutor

Michael Lynch

### Fee range

Free to £51.80

### 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.

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## **Venue**

Online

## **Level of study**

Intermediate

## **Course overview**

Russia since 1917 has witnessed revolution, civil war, violent political upheaval, and social and economic disruption on a previously unimaginable scale. The course will examine these remarkable developments by examining the roles of its outstanding leaders during this period: Lenin, the inspiration behind the October Revolution; Stalin, who built a terror state; Khrushchev, who attempted to de-Stalinise the USSR; Brezhnev, who presided over years of stagnation; Gorbachev, whose reforms destroyed the Soviet union he was trying to preserve; Yeltsin, who fought against Soviet reactionaries; Putin, who has returned Russia to a policy of imperial expansion.

## **Course description**

Modern Russia experienced an extraordinary set of transformations from the early twentieth century onwards; from a backward nation it developed to become a great world power. Yet despite the apparent transformation, there is a sense in which its defining feature is its continuity. Despite the upheaval of political and economic revolutions, it is arguable that Russia remains essentially the same in its key features. The characteristics that defined it in 1917 are still observable in the Russia of Vladimir Putin, a contention that will be examined under the following heads.

The End of the Romanovs, 1914-17: Impact of the war 1914-17; the February Revolution; Why tsardom fell.

The Bolshevik takeover, 1917-24: Petrograd Soviet; Lenin, the Provisional government; the October Revolution; the Civil War; the role of Lenin.

Stalin's USSR, 1927-53: Trotsky-Stalin power struggle; Socialism in One Country; the Purges; the Great Fatherland War; the 'doctors plot'.

Khrushchev's Soviet Union, 1956-64: Destalinisation; economic changes detente with the West; the Cuban Missile Crisis.

Brezhnev's USSR, 1954-82: The Brezhnev doctrine; stagnation; Sino-Soviet rivalry.

Gorbachev's Russia, 1985-91: Attempted reforms; Gorbachev and Yeltsin; collapse of the Soviet Union.

Putin's Russia since 1999: Putin's rise; the role of the oligarchs; Russian expansionism; invasion of Ukraine.

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