



Course details

Course title

History: The Decline of the Ottoman Empire 1800-1892

Course code

Q00019982

Course date

Start: 20/01/25

End: 07/04/25

Number of classes

10 sessions

Timetable

Mon 20th Jan, 14:15 to 16:15

Mon 27th Jan, 14:15 to 16:15

Mon 3rd Feb, 14:15 to 16:15

Mon 10th Feb, 14:15 to 16:15

Mon 24th Feb, 14:15 to 16:15

Mon 3rd Mar, 14:15 to 16:15

Mon 10th Mar, 14:15 to 16:15

Mon 17th Mar, 14:15 to 16:15

Mon 31st Mar, 14:15 to 16:15

Mon 7th Apr, 14:15 to 16:15

Branch

Ilford and Gants Hill

Tutor

Laurie Johnston

Fee range

Free to £100.00

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

The Drive Methodist Church (Redbridge)

Eastern Avenue

Redbridge

IG4 5AB

Level of study

Beginners

Course overview

The once mighty Ottoman Empire lost some of its lustre during the 18th Century. After its armies reached the walls of Vienna in 1683 the boundaries of the Sublime Porte contracted in a series of military, diplomatic and economic reverses. This course considers the ways in which the Ottomans responded to a changing world in the 19th century, seeking to preserve their position within it. We examine questions of politics, religion, language, culture and economics whilst all the while having an eye towards the consequences for the region, Europe and the world then and now.

Course description

This first part of two courses on the decline and fall of the Ottoman Empire focuses on its slow decline in the 19th century. We look at several attempts to reform and modernise government, military, the economy in the 19th century as well as the main events of the period including the 'Tanzimat' Reforms, the Crimean War, the Young Ottoman Movement and the Bulgarian Uprising of 1876. We consider the short-lived adoption of constitution government and the reimposition of Sultanic rule as well as the First Armenian Genocide of 1896. More broadly we consider geo-political issues and the importance of the Empire in diplomatic and strategic manoeuvres between Great Britain, France and Russia. We cover the rise of nationalism in the region with particular attention to the Balkans, Greece, Armenians and the Jewish Diaspora within the Empire. We also look at broad cultural developments in art, literature and intellectual life. We look at Western influences and the impact of Orientalism on the Empire and Europe. The course tells a fascinating and much ignored story and has much to reveal about major issues in our own times from Russia to Israel and the wider Middle East. The course will feature a wealth of documentary sources, historical analysis, art and literature.

What financial support is available?

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What other support is available?

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