



## Course details

### Course title

History: Fascism and the Troubled 1930s

### Course code

Q00019800

### Course date

Start: 09/01/25

End: 13/02/25

### Number of classes

6 sessions

### Timetable

Thu 9th Jan, 17:00 to 19:00

Thu 16th Jan, 17:00 to 19:00

Thu 23rd Jan, 17:00 to 19:00

Thu 30th Jan, 17:00 to 19:00

Thu 6th Feb, 17:00 to 19:00

Thu 13th Feb, 17:00 to 19:00

### Tutor

Julian Roberts

### Fee range

Free to £22.20

### 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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Online

## **Venue**

Online

## **Level of study**

Beginners

## **Course overview**

The course will examine the origins of Fascism and National Socialism against the backdrop of post war turmoil in Italy and Germany. We will see how the emergence of Stalin as supreme leader in the USSR led to a radicalisation of the economy and political terror. We will consider the effects of the economic crisis in the democratic countries, USA, Britain and France. Finally, we will consider how the radicalisation of economies and politics impacted on international relations culminating in the outbreak of a second European war in 1939. This course is funded by Greater London Combined Authority.

## **Course description**

In the wake of the 1914-18 war, European countries adopted rival political ideologies. First Italy, then Germany, moved to the political right with the adoption respectively of Fascism and National Socialism.

Russia during the war had seen two revolutions culminating in the first state purporting to apply the principles of Marxism-Leninism.

The course will explore the origins and course of the rivalry which ensued through the 1920s and 1930s both within and between countries.

Key questions for us to consider will include:

- Why did the Great War lead to a radicalisation of politics in Europe?
- How were small insurgent parties able in Italy and Germany to move from the fringes of power to control of the State?
- How was Stalin able to secure personal power in the USSR and how did he use this power?
- How was democracy able to survive in USA, Britain and France?
- How did economic and political changes impact on the relations between European Powers?

## **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?**

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