



Course details

Course title

An Introduction to Twentieth Century History: International Relations in the 1930s and World War 2

Course code

Q00017583

Course date

Start: 20/01/25

End: 03/03/25

Number of classes

6 sessions

Timetable

Mon 20th Jan, 10:30 to 12:30

Mon 27th Jan, 10:30 to 12:30

Mon 3rd Feb, 10:30 to 12:30

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

Mon 24th Feb, 10:30 to 12:30

Mon 3rd Mar, 10:30 to 12:30

Branch

Richmond

Tutor

Julian Roberts

Fee range

Free to £60.00

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 White house (Hampton)

45 The Avenue

Hampton

TW12 3RN

Level of study

Beginners

Course overview

By the 1930s there were three competing ideologies: Liberal Democracy, Soviet Communism and Fascism.. the latter in various national forms. Broadly the first two accepted the status quo and the latter in Japan, Germany and Italy were determined on revision. This set the scene for the ensuing conflicts in the Pacific and Europe. The course will examine how and why the world went to war during the 1930s. We will look at the role of individuals and consider how much difference it made that it was Hitler or Mussolini in charge rather than someone else. We will examine how it took time for the USA to emerge from isolation and how that tipped the balance when she did.

Course description

The second world war was a direct consequence of the world which emerged in 1919 with the collapse of four Empires, economic dislocation and national disappointments. Germany had been defeated but was likely to seek revision of the Versailles Treaty whoever was in charge. Italy whilst technically on the side of the victors suffered a 'mutilated peace' which opened the door to Fascism. Similarly Japan felt its rewards failed to match its ambitions as well as feeling slighted by the other victors. The peace settlements of 1919 were imposed 'at the point of the bayonet'. Whether that peace would hold would depend on the willingness of the victors to maintain that imposed peace. With USA retreating into isolation, that role fell to Britain and France. Could they, would they have the resolve and hard power to resist the revisionists?

What financial support is available?

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