



Course details

Course title

History: Sport, Nationalism and Propaganda in the Twentieth Century

Course code

Q00021067

Course date

Start: 17/03/25

End: 31/03/25

Number of classes

3 sessions

Timetable

Mon 17th Mar, 14:00 to 16:00

Mon 24th Mar, 14:00 to 16:00

Mon 31st Mar, 14:00 to 16:00

Branch

Loddon

Tutor

Guest Speaker

Fee range

Free to £25.20

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.

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In venue

Venue

Jubilee Hall Loddon (Loddon)
George Lane
Loddon
NR14 6NB

Level of study

Beginners

Course overview

It is often said that sport and politics should be kept separate. From the Olympic Games to football's World Cup, particularly in recent years, it is obvious that this statement is little more than myth. In these three sessions, we aim to explore the deep, intertwined relationship between sports and politics, looking at the role it plays in building the nation and national identity, and the ways in which it propagates the ideas of the state. By looking at a variety of historical examples, these sessions aim to provide a better understanding of sport and its role in everyday life.

Course description

The first session looks at the relationship between sport and fascism from its rise in the 1920s until the end of the Second World War. The session will look at Mussolini's Italy, Hitler's Germany, and Franco's Spain. It will look at the ways in which these regimes harnessed sport to promote ideas of nationalism and racial supremacy, looking at specific events such as the 1934 football World Cup (hosted by Italy) and the 1936 Berlin Olympics.

The second session will then analyse the relationship between sport and communist states in the Cold War era. The session will focus on the Soviet Union and its satellite states in Europe but will also cover states such as China and North Korea. Specific topics of interest include the Soviet entry into the Olympics, sport as a means of international recognition, and of promoting communist and anti-Western propaganda.

The final session looks at sport in Western states, namely the United Kingdom and the United States, and explores the complex relationship between sport and nation-building. It compares strategies used in these states to those covered in the previous two sessions and analyses contemporary examples of "sportswashing" in states such as Qatar and Saudi Arabia.

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