

COURSE SPECIFICATION DOCUMENT

NOTE: ANY CHANGES TO A CSD MUST GO THROUGH ALL OF THE RELEVANT APPROVAL PROCESSES, INCLUDING LTTPC.

Academic School/Department:	Communications, Arts and Social Sciences
Programme:	History
FHEQ Level:	5
Course Title:	The Rise of the Right: A History of Fascisms
Course Code:	HST 5105
Course Leader:	Prof Dominic Alessio
Student Engagement Hours:	120
Lectures:	22.5
Seminar / Tutorials:	22.5
Independent / Guided Learning :	75
Semester:	FALL and/or SPRING and/or SUMMER
Credits:	12 UK CATS credits 6 ECTS credits 3 US credits

Course Description:

This course is intended to be a comparative study of various forms of fascisms from the end of the nineteenth century through to the modern period. It explores the fundamental interpretative questions concerning the nature of fascism, namely: whether there is such a thing as 'generic' fascism; the characteristics of fascist regimes; and how useful the term fascism is for historical analysis. This is followed by a study of the historical origins of fascism as well as an examination of late nineteenth/early twentieth century proto-fascist movements. The focus then moves to the individual fascist movements themselves, including Italy (where the fascist prototype evolved), Germany (where it was taken to its extreme), and Spain (where a variant persisted until 1975). Where appropriate other fascist movements and regimes will also be discussed, both western and non western. The course concludes with a discussion about the 'return' of fascism, examining Neo-Nazi violence, immigration, 'ethnic cleansing' and the return of fascism under 'other names'. The course is intended to be interactive with guest speakers, class visits, films, and regular seminar sessions.

Prerequisites: None

Aims and Objectives:

To make students familiar with the historical debates and problems concerning the development of Fascism. To explain the origins and evolution of Fascism from the late 19th century to the present day. To understand the differences between definitions of fascism. To recognise the impact of the far right on the politics, economics, society and culture of the world over the course of the last two centuries. To enhance the transferable skills (written and oral) of students through oral seminar presentations, in-depth written research project and a final exam.

Programme Outcomes :

At the end of this course, the students will have achieved the following programme outcomes.

5A(i); 5A(ii); 5B(i); 5B(ii); 5B(iii); 5C(i); 5C(ii); 5C(iii); 5D(i); 5D(ii); 5D(iii)

A detailed list of the programme outcomes are found in the Programme Specification. This is located at the Departmental page of the portal.

Learning Outcomes:

At the end of this course, the students will have achieved the following learning outcomes.

- Demonstrates a detailed understanding of historical processes as they pertain to the rise of fascism and various forms of fascist movements and regimes
- Demonstrates the accumulation of a detailed body of comparative historical knowledge regarding fascist movements and regimes
- Demonstrates a historiographical engagement with the concept of fascism and the history of fascism, and a detailed understanding of problems in constructing a history of fascism, along with a critical understanding of various relevant documents (primary and secondary) and other media
- Demonstrates a detailed historical understanding of how current political and cultural practises ('ethnic cleansing', immigration debates, genocide, and Neo-Nazi violence) can be related to the history of fascism, enhancing awareness of continuity and change in historical processes
- Present research orally in a convincing and accessible manner.
- Completes assigned work with a degree of clarity, technical competence and critical thinking, and a degree of independence and capacity for self-evaluation, appropriate for a 5000-level course

Indicative Content:

- The significance of the extreme right
- Defining fascism(s)
- The origins of fascism
- Italy, Germany & Spain
- Non European variants
- The return of the right

Assessment:

This course conforms to the Richmond University Standard Assessment Norms approved at Academic Council on June 28, 2012.

