international summer school 2014

ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES 2014

Britain and the Making of the Modern World
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For much of the 19th and 20th century Britain was the world’s superpower, and its imperial connections not only left deep traces in America, Africa and Asia, but also in Britain itself. Thus to understand modern British history it is necessary to see it in a global perspective: not only were British politics and economics influenced by imperial considerations, but also most of its wars were global conflicts.

Furthermore, British culture – food, fashion and architecture – was, and still is, shaped by its imperial legacy. By combining political, social and military history, this module introduces you to the key developments, ideas, events and people that shaped modern British history.
### Timetable

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| **Saturday 5 July – Tuesday 8 July** | **Arrival and orientation in London**  
This is an opportunity to meet fellow students and visit the major sites including Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey, the Tower of London and Globe Theatre before travelling to Exeter for the academic programme. |
| **Wednesday 9 July** | **Introduction**  
Daniel Steinbach |
| **Thursday 10 July** | **Exeter, Devon and the British Empire**  
Dr. Robert Fletcher, Empire of the Dead – Imperial Monuments and Visit to Exeter Cathedral  
Dr. Robert Fletcher |
| **Friday 11 July** | **The Slave Trade and its Impact on Africa, America and Britain**  
Professor Jeremy Black, The Abolition of Slavery in the 19th Century  
Professor Jeremy Black, International Pub Quiz |
| **Saturday 12 July** | **Daytrip to Stonehenge and Bath** |
| **Sunday 13 July** | **Free Day** |
| **Monday 14 July** | **Britain’s Global Wars I**  
Professor Jeremy Black, Britain’s Global Wars II  
Professor Jeremy Black |
| **Tuesday 15 July** | **Exhibiting Empire**  
Dr. Robert Fletcher, Seminar at the Royal Albert Memorial Museum in Exeter  
Dr. Robert Fletcher, Karaoke night at The Ram |
| **Wednesday 16 July** | **Britain and the First World War – The Centenary of a Global Conflict**  
Daniel Steinbach, Forgotten Voices of the First World War – Soldiers from the British Colonies  
Daniel Steinbach |
| **Thursday 17 July** | **White Man’s Burden**: Anglo-Saxonism and American Racial Thinking  
Dr. Kristopher Akerfeldt, The Special Relationship - American and British Collaborations  
Dr. Kristopher Akerfeldt |
| **Friday 18 July** | **Day trip to St Ives** |
| **Saturday 19 July** | **Day trip to the Eden Project** |
| **Sunday 20 July** | **Free day** |
| **Monday 21 July** | **Global Crisis and British Politics - From the Boer War to the Suez Crisis**  
Dr. David Thackeray, Wind of Change - Decolonisation and the new Britain of the 1960s  
Dr. David Thackeray |
| **Tuesday 22 July** | **The Legacy of Empire – Britain’s Political Role in the Post-Colonial World**  
Daniel Steinbach, Case Study – Britain and the Middle East  
Daniel Steinbach |
| **Wednesday 23 July** | **British Film – Seminar at the Bill Douglas Cinema Museum**  
Dr. David Thackeray, Tea and Cricket – the Cultural Legacy of the British Empire  
Dr. David Thackeray |
| **Thursday 24 July** | **Preparation for presentations** |
| **Friday 25 July** | **Presentations**  
Gala Dinner |
| **Saturday 26 July** | **Depart for Heathrow Airport and London** |

### Assessment

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| 500 word commentary plan and feedback during seminars | 2,000 word commentary on an extract from one of the module texts  
20 minute group presentation |

### Key readings

The module encourages you to explore the interdependency of national and global history in the last two hundred years through different scholarly methods and sources. You will learn how global events, like the slave trade, the two World Wars or the conflict in the Middle East, are linked with British history. You will also consider how life in Britain, for wealthy and ordinary people in London, Exeter or Bath, was influenced through global connections.

By studying Britain and the making of the modern world you will understand how the world came be connected and how British history links to the places you will visit.

The ISS programme has been designed to help you learn both in and out of the classroom. During the programme you will stay in London and Exeter as well as visit the city of Bath and will see how these 3 different British cities were shaped by global events. London as the capital of the British Empire, Bath as a wealthy mercantile city and Exeter as a city whose growth and development reflected the challenges as well as opportunities of Britain’s relations with the rest of the world.
Why study Britain and the Making of the Modern World at Exeter?

The University of Exeter is the natural place to study this subject. The city of Exeter is steeped in history and visits to Exeter Cathedral, the award winning Exeter Royal Albert Memorial Museum and taking a walking tour will illustrate the material covered in lectures.

During the programme you will have access to the University library which houses a vast collection of books, journals and AV materials as well as the University’s Cinema Museum giving you a range of varied resources to work with.

Our History department is part of our College of Humanities which is ranked in the world’s Top 100 according to the 2013-14 Times Higher Education World University Rankings, reflecting the quality of our research and teaching.

The departments has particular strengths in the history of Britain and is home to the Centre for Imperial and Global History, a leading research centre which addresses the themes covered by the academic programme.
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