

SU22 AP/HIST 4420 6.0B Great Britain in the 20th Century

Course Note: This course meets remotely with synchronous class sessions on the Days and Time indicated.

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Expanded Course Description (expanded from course calendar description):

This seminar is an examination of British society in the twentieth century, paying particular attention to the impact of the two world wars. Themes discussed in the course will include: the impact of the First World War and the Second World War on British politics, culture and society; the experience of combatants and civilians in war; the impact of empire and decolonization; postwar reconstruction and the welfare state; and the rise of multicultural Britain. The course will be conducted remotely and synchronously via Zoom.

Texts:

There are two texts that are required for purchase:

Adrian Gregory, *The Last Great War: British Society and the First World War* (Cambridge UP, 2008)

David Edgerton, *The Rise and Fall of the British Nation: A Twentieth-Century History* (Penguin, 2019)

All other readings will be made available electronically through the eClass site.

Evaluation (tentative):

Evaluation in the course will be based on active and consistent participation in seminar discussion, and on three essays. The first two essays (both in the first term) will be analytical/historiographic, and in the second term you will write a longer research essay. Topics for these essays will be developed through discussion between the student and the course instructor.

Tentative Grade Breakdown:

Seminar Participation	20%
First Term Essay 1 (5-6 pages)	15%
First Term Essay 2 (8-10 pages)	25%
Second Term Essay (16-18 pages)	40%