COURSE DETAIL

THE FOUNDATIONS OF MODERN THOUGHT
Country United Kingdom - England
Host Institution University of London, Queen Mary
Program(s) University of London, Queen Mary
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) History
UCEAP Course Number 103
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title THE FOUNDATIONS OF MODERN THOUGHT
UCEAP Transcript Title MODERN THOUGHT
UCEAP Quarter Units 6.00
UCEAP Semester Units 4.00

Course Description

This is a course in the history of ideas that introduces students to important shifts in the ways in which history, society, and politics have been thought about from the Renaissance to the 20th century. The course covers key figures in the history of political thought and philosophy, including Niccolo Machiavelli, Mary Wollstonecraft, Karl Marx, Mohandas Gandhi, and Hannah Arendt, and addresses influential debates about such issues as the relationship between politics and morality, the justification for violence, the nature and causes of inequality, the rise of capitalism, imperialism, and the rights of women. Attention throughout is focused on a careful scrutiny of primary sources. By the end of the course, students have deepened their understanding of some of the critical issues that have dominated modern history.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
HSZ4002U

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty
School of Society and Environment

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

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