COURSE DETAIL

MODERN JEWISH HISTORY (1800 - PRESENT)
Country United Kingdom - England
Host Institution University College London
Program(s) University College London
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) History
UCEAP Course Number 125
UCEAP Course Suffix N
UCEAP Official Title MODERN JEWISH HISTORY (1800 - PRESENT)
UCEAP Transcript Title MODERN JEWISH HIST
UCEAP Quarter Units 6.00
UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

Few chapters in all of history are as dramatic—both tragic and spectacular--as modern Jewish history. The apparent success of Jewish emancipation was challenged by popular and religious non-Jewish opposition, and efforts among Jews to control or turn back such changes. No matter what, Judaism and Jews did not stand still. Antisemitism gained traction as reactionary utopia, along with the persistence of traditional prejudice and discrimination. Against this background there arose a variety of Jewish ideologies, including: Modern Orthodoxy, Reform Judaism, Zionism, Territorialism, Variants of socialism, "Ultra" orthodoxies, and National extremism.

In the nineteenth and twentieth centuries Jewish life changed radically, and European Jewry came close to being totally wiped out in the Holocaust. Since the late eighteenth century, Jews had sought new ways to think about and live in the modern world. Numerous individuals of Jewish origin took the lead in attempting to understand the changes wrought by modernity—including: Karl Marx, Sigmund Freud, Theodor Herzl, Bertha Pappenheimer, Emma Goldman, Hannah Arendt, Walter Benjamin, Susan Sontag, and Philip Roth.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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