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**The Making of the Modern World? Politics,
Protest & Power Struggle in 19th Century
Europe**

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This course explores European history through the dramatic events of the nineteenth century, from the Napoleonic Wars to the birth of New Imperialism. A period which would shape the destiny of the continent in ways few could have imagined, leaving a heavy mark on the world beyond. An era forged on the battlefields of Europe, where conflict was never far from the horizon, and where political giants stalked the corridors of power, from Napoleon to Metternich; Victoria to Bismarck. Yet an era too of the rise of the people, where thoughts of progress and freedom were ever in the air, turning subjects into citizens, and empires into nations. Above all else a time of global transformation as the winds of change swept through the continent, leaving Europe itself as the apparent master of the world. Yet with great power would come great fragility and division, sowing the seeds for the troubled century to come.



Units:

- Introduction: Key Dates & Themes. Mapping Change.
- Child of the Revolution? Napoleon's Empire: Origins, Impact and Legacy
- An Unholy Alliance? International Peacemaking and the Metternich Effect
- The European Spring: The 1848 Revolutions and the Nationalist Challenge
- The Fight for the Franchise: Radicalism and Reform in Victorian England
- Revolution from Above: Tsarist Russia and the Legacy of Crimean War
- A Date with Destiny: Romantic Nationalism and the Unification of Italy
- The Political Architect? Bismarck and the Unification of Germany
- A New World Order: International Relations and the Rise of New Imperialism
- Concluding Thoughts

Recommended Background Reading:

(Note: Titles and authors provided by Dr. Watson, publishers and ISBNs suggested by the Graham School)

Benedict Anderson, *Imagined Communities: Reflections on the Origins and Spread of Nationalism*, Verso Press, 2016. ISBN 978-1784786755

M.S. Anderson, *The Ascendancy of Europe, 1815-1914*, Routledge Press, 2003. ISBN 978-0582772595

J. Breuilly, *The Formation of the First German Nation-State, 1800 – 1871*, Red Globe Press, 2008. ISBN 978-0333527184

C. Breunig, *The Age of Revolution & Reaction, 1789-1850*, W. W. Norton & Co, 1977. ISBN 978-0393091434

R. Gildea, *Barricades & Borders: Europe 1800-1914*, Oxford University Press, 2003. ISBN 978-0199253005

Angus Hawkins, *Victorian Political Culture: 'Habits of Heart and Mind'*, Oxford University Press, 2015. ISBN 978-0198728481

James Joll, *Europe Since 1870: An International History*, Penguin Books, 1990. ISBN 978-0140138436

Dennis Mack Smith, *Cavour and Garibaldi 1860: A Study in Political Conflict*, Cambridge University Press, 1985. ISBN 978-0521316378

Lucy Riall, *The Italian Risorgimento: State, Society and National Unification*, Routledge Press, 1994. ISBN 978-0415057752

J.M. Thompson, *Napoleon Bonaparte: His Rise and Fall*, Oxford University Press, 1969. ISBN 978-0195190731 (Note: This book is out of print; we recommend lending from a library.)

Jean Tulard, *Napoleon: The Myth of the Saviour*, Littlehampton Book Services, 1984. ISBN 978-0297784395 (Note: This book is out of print; we recommend lending from a library.)

Bruce Waller, *Bismarck and Germany, 1862-1890*, Routledge Press, 2010. ISBN 978-1408223185 (Note: This book is out of print; we recommend lending from a library.)

Hugh Seton-Watson, *The Russian Empire 1801-1917*, Oxford University Press, 1988. ISBN 978-0198221524

Tutor Biography:

Dr Kate Watson, Senior Associate Tutor, has taught for the Department for Continuing Education, and other university programmes for almost twenty years. She has lectured and published on a wide range of topics, focussed on the development of modern British and European History.