

CONTEMPORARY HISTORY



Course

The course aims at providing students with the basis of 19th and 20th century Political History in European and non-European countries. By the end of the course students are expected to acquire a broad understanding of the most relevant aspects of Contemporary History. They shall be able to: use proper historical chronology and terminology; deal with the main issues and the fundamental cruxes of contemporary historical evolution; critically analyse and discuss the most important historical events.

Content

The course aims at giving students a basic frame of Political History of European and non-European countries in the 19th and 20th centuries, focusing on the analysis and comprehension of methodological tools and keywords of Contemporary History, such as chronology, space, cause-effect ratio, conflicts, constitutions, revolution, and uprising. Within this framework of analysis, the objective of the course is to familiarise students to the understanding and the discussion of different case studies related to the main topics of Contemporary History. Special attention will be paid to political-institutional systems and crucial events that interest both European and non-European countries, with a focus on authoritarianism and totalitarianism, flanked by the understanding of World History methodological approach.