

International History

History is a wide-ranging and challenging subject to study. It seeks to understand the past and to make sense of the present, adding an important dimension to the understanding of many aspects of human society.

Departmental Facts

The Department's teaching builds upon a long-standing tradition and it retains the reputation as one of the world's leading centres for the study of international history. The current staff have all built up a considerable expertise in one or more regions of the world, are actively involved in international research, and bring their knowledge and experience to bear in their teaching and their supervision. In the 2001 national Research Assessment Exercise (RAE) the Department of International History received a rating of 'Excellent' with a top 5* award. In the most recent independent Quality Assurance Agency Teaching Assessment it was considered 'Excellent' and achieved a ranking of 5th in the 2007 Times Good University Guide.

Careers

LSE Historians have a wide range of careers open to them. It is a myth that the only careers open to historians are teaching, working in a museum or further research. A history

degree equips graduates with skills that make them attractive to a large number of diverse employers. Specific skills gained from studying International History at LSE include:

- the ability to communicate (both verbally and in writing) complex detail in a lucid and succinct form;
- competence in managing large and diverse quantities of information, and the ability to organize it in a logical, conceptual and coherent way;
- the ability to undertake and present research, evaluate evidence and work to a set timeframe;
- the employment of high level analytical skills when identifying and assessing sources of information.

Due to the wide range of transferable skills developed during their studies LSE historians can be found in occupations that range from think tanks and government to investment banking, consultancy and accountancy, and everything in between!

International History courses

available to General Course students include:

HY101 The European Civil War 1890-1990	HY234 Muslims, Christians and Jews in the Early Modern World
HY113 From Empire to Independence: the Extra-European World in the Twentieth Century	HY235 Modernity and the State in East Asia: China, Japan and Korea since 1840
HY114 War and Society from the Renaissance to the Napoleonic Era, c.1500-1815	HY237 Western Intellectuals and the Challenge of Totalitarianism: Thinkers and Themes
HY116 International History since 1890	HY300 Dissertation
HY117 Rule Britannia: Britain and Empire from 1780 to the Present Day	HY302 Anglo-Spanish Relations in the Age of Elizabeth I
HY203 The Arab-Israeli Conflict: Nationalism, Territory, Religion	HY303 Russia in Revolution, 1914-1921
HY206 The International History of the Cold War, 1945-1975	HY311 Limited War During the Cold War Era: The United States in Korea and Vietnam
HY208 The History of the United States since 1783	HY312 From Suez to the Six Day War; Britain, the United States and Arab Nationalism 1952-1970
HY209 The Spanish Civil War: It's Causes, Course and Consequences	HY314 Representing the Past: Historiography and Historical Methods
HY221 The History of Russia, 1682-1825	HY315 The European Enlightenment, c.1680-1799
HY232 Frontiers of Nationalism, Statehood and Independence: South-Eastern Europe 1914-1990	HY319 Napoleon and Europe
HY233 Empire and Nation: Britain and India since 1750	HY320 The Cold War Endgame