Course description

This course will analyse the main political developments and social, economic and cultural changes experienced in Spain since the start of the Peninsular War to the present, with emphasis on the 20th century, the causes and development of the Civil War and the profound consequences of Franco’s dictatorship.

How did Spain experience the fall of the Old Regime? What was the impact of the loss of the American colonies, whereby Spain went from Empire to second-rate European power? Why did anarchism gain such appeal in Spain? How did Basque and Catalan nationalisms survive Franco's regime? These are some of the questions we will explore, alongside the analysis of the origins and development of the Spanish Civil War, the political and ideological bases of Franco’s regime, and the transition to democracy, the latter considered by many as an exceptionally successful process but at present under critical scrutiny. The course will close with a reflection on the politics of memory in contemporary Spain, on the political challenges of democracy, and on the recent crisis in Catalonia.
Knowledge of Spanish is NOT a requirement of the course.
Numbers for this paper will be capped at 16 overall.

**Structure of teaching**

*In the History Faculty:*

- Michaelmas: Weekly 90 minutes classes
- Lent: Weekly 90 minutes classes
- Easter: one 2-hour revision class

The classes will integrate lectures and general discussion, and each student will offer at least one presentation to their peers over the academic year.

Students taking this paper are expected to attend all classes.

*College supervisions:*

- 5 supervisions per student, singleton or in groups, in Michaelmas or Lent (or across terms).
- 1-2 revision supervision(s) in Easter for each student, singleton.

A manageable reading list, with required and additional reading, will complement all classes and supervisions, and many items will be available to view and download in the Moodle course site.

Below is a general reading list for reference.
GENERAL BIBLIOGRAPHY

Introductory reading

General
Payne, S.G., *Politics and Society in 20th century Spain*  

Nineteenth century political and cultural transformations

Callaghan, W., Church, politics and society in Spain, 1750–1874 (Cambridge, MA, 1984).


Cruz, J. Gentlemen, bourgeois and revolutionaries: political change and cultural persistence among Spanish dominant groups, 1750–1850 (Cambridge, 1996).

Harrison, J. and Hoyle, A. (eds), Spain’s 1898 Crisis. Regenerationism, Modernism, Postcolonialism (2000)


**Radicalization and response: Primo de Rivera’s dictatorship**

Ben-Ami, S., Fascism from Above: The Dictatorship of Primo de Rivera in Spain, 1923–1930 (1983)


Romero Salvado, Spain, 1914–18: Between War and Revolution (1999)


**Anarchism**


Jackson, Gabriel, ‘Origins of Spanish Anarchism’, *The Southwestern Social Science Quarterly*, 36 (Sep 1955)


Mintz, Jerome R., *The Anarchists of Casas Viejas*


**The Second Republic and the Civil War**

Jackson, G., *The Spanish Republic and the Civil War* (1965)

**Francoism**


**The economy**


**Regionalism, nationalism, terrorism**


**Transition to democracy**


Preston, P., *Juan Carlos: Steering Spain from Dictatorship to Democracy* (2005)
