



Course details

Course title

History: The Cross and the Crescent - The Crusades.

Course code

Q00016038

Course date

Start: 28/04/25

End: 14/07/25

Number of classes

12 sessions

Timetable

Mon 28th Apr, 19:15 to 21:15

Mon 5th May, 19:15 to 21:15

Mon 12th May, 19:15 to 21:15

Mon 19th May, 19:15 to 21:15

Mon 26th May, 19:15 to 21:15

Mon 2nd Jun, 19:15 to 21:15

Mon 9th Jun, 19:15 to 21:15

Mon 16th Jun, 19:15 to 21:15

Mon 23rd Jun, 19:15 to 21:15

Mon 30th Jun, 19:15 to 21:15

Mon 7th Jul, 19:15 to 21:15

Mon 14th Jul, 19:15 to 21:15

Tutor

Gary Slator

Fee range

Free to £88.80

How you'll learn

You'll join a small group of fellow learners for classes online in video meetings and materials will be provided in our virtual learning environment.

Got it!

Online

Venue

Online

Level of study

Advanced

Course overview

The term will begin with an analysis of the condition of the remaining Christian Principalities of the Holy Land and the challenges they would face in the wake of the failure of the Second Crusade. In particular a continued study will be made of the growth and achievement of the Zengid dynasty, and how that would contribute to the further endangerment of Outremer. We will also look at the continued efforts of the Kingdom of Jerusalem to strengthen its own position within the region, and why those efforts would ultimately lead to further failure at the Battle of Hattin.

Course description

A very careful and detailed examination of the reins of power held within the Kingdom of Jerusalem will form a major part of this term's course, continually looking for factors which may have contributed to internal rivalries and disputes within the leadership there, and why those particular problems would become so critically important for the future of Outremer. We will also look at the continued growth of the Zengid dynasty at the same time and why its expansion would become a major external threat to the survival of the Christian states of Palestine; This insight will naturally lead to a further examination of the emergence of Saladin as a leader of significant proportions committed to the downfall of Outremer; how he was able to unify the various Muslim states under a single authority and how his policies would ultimately provoke a response from the Kingdom of Jerusalem which would lead to its downfall. By contrast however, we will also at least devote some time to chief rivalries within the Kingdom of Jerusalem by the 1170s and why those particular difficulties would by themselves become dominant contributing factors in leading to the fateful battle of Hattin, and collapse of Outremer.

What financial support is available?

We don't want anything to stand in your way when it comes to bringing Adult learning within reach so if you need anything to support you to achieve your goals then speak to one of our education experts during your enrolment journey. Most of our courses are government funded but if you don't qualify or need

alternative financial help to access them then let us know.

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