

JAMES VII & II AND THE GLORIOUS REVOLUTION

Start date 4 November 2016**End date** 6 November 2016**Venue** Madingley Hall
Madingley
Cambridge**Tutor** Dr David Smith**Course code** 1617NRX054**Director of Programmes**

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Tutor biography

David has been a Fellow of Selwyn College, Cambridge, since 1988. He has been a Director of Studies in History since 1992, and a Graduate Tutor since 2004. At Selwyn he has also served as Admissions Tutor (1992-2003), and as Praelector (1996-2006). He has been an Affiliated Lecturer in the Cambridge History Faculty since 1995. For ICE he teaches weekend courses and day-schools, and is also the Director of the International Summer Programme in History. He served on the Management Board of the Institute of Continuing Education from 2005 until 2008, and he became an Affiliated Lecturer at ICE in 2012.

Course programme

Friday

Please plan to arrive between 16:30 and 18:30. You can meet other course members in the bar which opens at 18:15. Tea and coffee making facilities are available in the study bedrooms.

19:00	Dinner
20:30 – 22:00	Introduction: James's accession; background and context
22:00	Terrace bar open for informal discussion

Saturday

07:30	Breakfast
09:00 – 10:30	James's policies as King, 1685-7
10:30	Coffee
11:00 – 12:30	Year of revolution: 1688
13:00	Lunch
14:00 – 16:00	Free
16:00	Tea
16:30 – 18:00	The Revolution Settlement, 1688-9
18:00 – 18:30	Free
18:30	Dinner
20:00 – 21:30	The Revolution in Scotland and Ireland
21:30	Terrace bar open for informal discussion

Sunday

07:30	Breakfast
09:00 – 10:30	Epilogue: the reigns of William and Mary, and Anne, 1689-1714
10:30	Coffee
11:00 – 12:30	Discussion session
12:45	Lunch

The course will disperse after lunch

Course syllabus

Aims:

To examine James's life and reign in the context of his times

To analyse the nature of James's personality and beliefs through a range of primary sources

To form a view of James's legacy and historical significance

Content:

This weekend course will examine the short reign of James VII & II and the revolution that brought it to an end in 1688-9. James inherited a strong throne, yet in less than four years his policies (especially those in favour of Catholics) brought his reign to an end. This course will examine, through a range of extracts from primary sources, James's character and policies as King, the nature of his downfall and the Revolution Settlement that followed it, the impact of these events in Scotland and Ireland, and, as an epilogue, the reign of his successors William and Mary. The final session will be devoted entirely to questions and discussion.

Presentation of the course:

Most of the sessions will take the form of direct instruction, accompanied by extensive hand-outs in the form of bibliography, chronology, and documents. There will be some time for questions and discussion in each session, and the whole of the final session will be devoted to this.

Outcomes:

As a result of the course, within the constraints of the time available, students should be able to:

Identify and evaluate some of the different ways in which James's reign has been interpreted

Demonstrate that they have formed their own view of James's beliefs, significance, impact on his times, and legacy

Reading and resources list

Listed below are a number of texts that might be of interest for future reference, but do not need to be bought (or consulted) for the course.

Author	Title	Publisher and date
SMITH D L	<i>A History of the modern british isles, 1603-1707: the double crown</i>	Basil Blackwell, Oxford, 1998; ISBN, 0 631 19402 9
KISHLANSKY M A	<i>A Monarchy Transformed: Britain, 1603-1714</i>	Penguin, Harmondsworth, 1997; ISBN, 0 14 014827 2
MILLER J	<i>James II</i>	2nd edition, Yale University Press, 2000; ISBN, 0 300 08728 4
SPECK W A	<i>James II</i>	Pearson, Harlow, 2002; ISBN, 0 582 28712 X
SPECK W A	<i>Reluctant Revolutionaries: Englishmen and the Revolution of 1688</i>	Oxford University Press, 1988; ISBN, 0 19 285120 9
HARRIS T	<i>Revolution: The Great Crisis of the British Monarchy, 1685-1720</i>	Allen Lane/Penguin, London, 2006; ISBN, 0 713 99759 1
WOMERSLEY, D	<i>James II: The Last Catholic King</i>	Allen Lane/Penguin, London, 2015; ISBN, 978 0 141 97706 5

Website addresses

Note Students of the Institute of Continuing Education are entitled to 20% discount on books published by Cambridge University Press (CUP) which are purchased at the Press bookshop, 1 Trinity Street, Cambridge (Mon-Sat 9am – 5:30pm, Sun 11am – 5pm). A letter or email confirming acceptance on to a current Institute course should be taken as evidence of enrolment.

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