

The Dark Years : Occupied France 1940 - 1944

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Venue Madingley Hall
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Tutor biography

Andrew Lacey holds a postgraduate degree in Library and Information Studies and a doctorate for work on King Charles I. From 1988, he held posts as a professional librarian in a variety of Colleges and Universities, including College Librarian at Trinity Hall, Cambridge and Special Collections Librarian at the University of Leicester. Andrew was a member of the University of Cambridge Faculty of Architecture and History of Art from 2005 to 2008.

He is a Tutor for the Continuing Education departments at both the University of Cambridge and the University of Oxford and his teaching, research and publications have included work on the English Civil War, 16th and 17th century English and European history, the relationship between art and power, and 19th and 20th century British and European history. Andrew is currently working on two books, one on the Stuarts and one on the English Civil War.

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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	A divided society? – France to 1940
22:00	Terrace bar open for informal discussion

Saturday

07:30	Breakfast
09:00 – 10:30	The Fall of France
10:30	Coffee
11:00 – 12:30	Occupied France
13:00	Lunch
14:00 – 16:00	Free, or optional film: <i>France Falls</i> from the series <i>The World at War</i> . 50 mins.
16:00	Tea
16:30 – 18:00	Vichy France
18:00 – 18:30	Free
18:30	Dinner
20:00 – 21:30	Free France and the Empire
21:30	Terrace bar open for informal discussion

Sunday

07:30	Breakfast
09:00 – 10:30	France and the Holocaust
10:30	Coffee
11:00 – 12:30	Liberation and Memory
12:45	Lunch

The course will disperse after lunch

Course syllabus

Aims:

- To consider the reasons for the fall of France in June 1940.
- To discuss the varied experiences of and responses to occupation, both in metropolitan France and throughout the Empire.
- To consider the significance of such events as the Holocaust, the place of Resistance and the significance of such figures as de Gaulle and Petain

Content:

Our course begins with a consideration of French society after the First World War. Was France a divided society in the 1920s and 30s, and did these divisions contribute to the disaster of June 1940?

Having considered the fall of France we will look at the various zones of occupation imposed on France by the Germans, in particular, the zone of direct occupation and the so-called 'Free Zone' governed from Vichy. We will also consider the experience of the various colonies and territories of the French Empire.

The occupation poses difficult questions: what was the extent and significance of collaboration? Why did the Vichy regime and some French authorities cooperate in implementing the Holocaust? What was the role of Petain in 1940, de Gaulle and the Resistance, and how was the Occupation understood and interpreted after 1945? All these questions will be considered throughout the course.

Presentation of the course:

The course will consist of illustrated lecture/seminars, with the option of a 50 minute film during free time on the Saturday afternoon.

Outcomes:

1. To have some understanding of why France was defeated in June 1940.
2. To have some insight into the differing experiences of occupation in the various zones of France and in the French Empire
3. To have some appreciation of the place of De Gaulle and Resistance in the eventual liberation of France and the post-war interpretation of occupation and liberation.
4. To have some understanding of the debates over the place of Petain, collaboration and French involvement in the Holocaust.

Reading and resources list

Listed below are a number of texts that are essential reading for the course:

Author	Title	Publisher and date
Jackson, J.	<i>The Fall of France : the Nazi invasion of 1940.</i>	Oxford : Oxford University Press, 2003.
Jackson, J.	<i>France : the dark years 1940 – 1944.</i>	Oxford : Oxford University Press, 2001.

Listed below are a number of texts for background information 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
Affron, M. Princeton,	<i>Fascist visions : art and ideology in France and Italy.</i>	NJ. : Princeton University Press, 1997.
Atkin, N.	<i>Pétain.</i>	London : Longman, 1998.
Birnbaum, P.	<i>Leon Blum : Prime Minister, Socialist, Zionist.</i>	New Haven : Yale University Press, 2015.
Carrard, P.	<i>The French who fought for Hitler : memories from the outcasts.</i>	Cambridge : Cambridge University Press, 2010.
Cobb, M.	<i>The Resistance : the French fight against the Nazis.</i>	London : Simon & Schuster, 2009.
Cobb, M.	<i>Eleven days in August : the liberation of Paris in 1944.</i>	London : Simon & Schuster, 2013.
Crawley, A	<i>De Gaulle : a biography.</i>	London : Collins, 1969.
Gildea, R.	<i>Fighters in the shadows : a new history of the French resistance.</i>	London : Faber & Faber, 2015.
Gildea, R.	<i>Marianne in Chains</i>	New York : Picador; Reprint edition, 2004

- Griffiths, R. *Marshall Petain.* London : Constable, 1994.
- Hastings, M *All hell let loose : the world at war 1939 – 45.* London : HarperPress, 2011.
- Kalman, S. *The extreme right in inter-war France.* Farnham : Ashgate, 2001.
- Kedward, H.R. (ed) *Liberation of France : image and event.* Oxford : Berg, 1995.
- Kennedy, S. *Reconciling France against democracy : the Croix de Feu and the Parti Social Francais, 1927 – 45.* Montreal : McGill-Queen's University Press, 2007.
- Littlejohn, D. *The patriotic traitors : a history of collaboration in German-occupied Europe, 1940 – 45.* London : Heinemann, 1972.
(See chapter 5: 'France.')
- Marrus, M.R. *Vichy France and the Jews.* New York : Basic Books, 1981.
- Mitchell, A. *Nazi Paris : the history of an occupation 1940 – 1944.* New York : Berghahn Books, 2005.
- Passmore, K. *The right in France from the Third Republic to Vichy.* Oxford : Oxford University Press, 2013.
- Paxton, R. *Vichy France : old guard and new order, 1940 – 1944 – new ed.* New York : Columbia University Press, 2001.
- Rousso, H. *The Vichy syndrome : history and memory in France since 1944.* Cambridge, Mass. : Harvard University Press, 1991
- Shennan, A. *De Gaulle.* London : Longman, 1993.
- Smith, C. *England's last war against France : fighting Vichy 1940 – 42.* London : Weidenfeld & Nicolson, 2010.
- Sternhell, Z. *Neither right nor left : Fascist ideology in France.* Princeton, NJ. : Princeton University Press, 1996

Thomas, M.	<i>The French empire at war, 1940 – 45.</i>	Manchester : Manchester University Press, 1998.
Trigg, J.	<i>Hitler's Gauls : the history of the 33rd Waffen- Grenadier Division, der SS 9Franosische nr 1) Charlemagne.</i>	Stroud : Spellmount, 2006.
Webster, P.	<i>Pétain's crime : the full story of French collaboration in the Holocaust.</i>	London : Pan, 2001.
Wieviorka, O.	<i>Divided memory : French recollections of World War II from the Liberation to the present.</i>	Stanford : Stanford University Press, 2012.
Williams, C.	<i>Pétain</i>	London : Little, Brown & Co., 2005
Zuccotti, S.	<i>The Holocaust, the French, and the Jews.</i>	New York : Basic Books, 1993.

Website addresses

<http://www.yadvashem.org/yv/en/holocaust/france/occupation.asp#!prettyPhoto>

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2417335/Paris-Nazi-lens-Propaganda-images-occupied-French-capital-citizens-thriving-German-rule.html>

http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/worldwars/genocide/jewish_deportation_01.shtml

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