

Charles I

Start date 22 February 2019**End date** 24 February 2019**Venue** Madingley Hall
Madingley
Cambridge**Tutor** Dr David L. Smith**Course code** 1819NRX021**Director of Academic Centres** Sarah Ormrod**For further information on this course, please contact** Head of Academic Centre Administration, Zara Kuckelhaus
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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 School in History. He served on the Management Board of the Institute of Continuing Education from 2005 until 2008

Course programme

Friday 22 February 2019

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	The early years, 1600-29
22:00	Terrace bar open for informal discussion

Saturday 23 February 2019

07:30	Breakfast
09:00 – 10:30	The Personal Rule, 1629-40
10:30	Coffee
11:00 – 12:30	The coming of the Civil War, 1640-2
13:00	Lunch
14:00 – 16:00	Free
16:00	Tea
16:30 – 18:00	Charles I and the Civil War, 1642-6
18:00 – 18:30	Free
18:30	Dinner
20:00 – 21:30	The steps to the scaffold, 1646-9
21:30	Terrace bar open for informal discussion

Sunday 24 February 2019

07:30	Breakfast
09:00 – 10:30	Charles I's historical reputation
10:30	Coffee
11:00 – 12:30	Discussion
12:45	Lunch

The course will disperse after lunch

Course syllabus

Aims:

1. to explore the nature of Charles's political and religious beliefs and how he tried to implement them;
2. to consider the extent of Charles's responsibility for causing the English Civil War and Revolution.

Content:

Charles I was the only monarch in English history to be put on trial and publicly executed. His reign saw an unparalleled breakdown of government that led to Civil War and Revolution. Small wonder, then, that he has been widely condemned as an inept ruler, wholly unsuited to kingship. By contrast, others see him as a tragic figure of blameless personal life and high principles who preferred to die rather than betray the Crown's powers or the Church of England. This weekend course will address these debates by focusing on Charles's personality and style of government. We will examine the nature of his political and religious beliefs, and the extent of his responsibility for the Civil War and Revolution. Five of the sessions will be devoted to particular segments of Charles's life and reign, running from his birth in 1600 to his execution in 1649. Another session will examine how Charles's historical reputation has changed over the centuries, and the final session will be devoted entirely to questions and discussion. A range of primary evidence will be considered, including a selection of Charles's own speeches and writings.

Presentation of the course:

Through seminars, lectures, and class discussion.

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

- assess the nature of Charles's personality and beliefs and how these influenced his policies as King;
- assess the extent of Charles's responsibility for causing the English Civil War and Revolution.

Reading and resources list

Listed below are texts that might be of interest should you wish to supplement your learning on the course. Any essential reading is marked with an asterisk *

AUTHOR	TITLE	PUBLISHER & DATE
A. SURVEYS OF ENGLISH HISTORY DURING THE REIGN OF CHARLES I		
KISHLANSKY M	<i>A Monarchy Transformed: Britain, 1603-1714</i>	Penguin, 1996
MORRILL J (ED)	<i>The Oxford Illustrated History of Tudor and Stuart Britain</i>	Oxford, 1996
SMITH D L	<i>A History of the Modern British Isles, 1603-1707: The Double Crown</i>	Blackwell, 1998
B. STUDIES OF THE PERSONALITY OF CHARLES I AND HIS KINGSHIP		
DANIELS C W	<i>Charles I</i>	Cambridge, 1988
*CUST R	<i>Charles I: A Political Life</i>	Pearson, 2005
*KISHLANSKY M	<i>Charles I: An Abbreviated Life</i>	Penguin, 2014
REEVE L J	<i>Charles I and the Road to Personal Rule</i> especially chapter 6	Cambridge, 1989
RUSSELL C	<i>The Causes of the English Civil War</i> especially chapter 8	Oxford, 1990
YOUNG M B	<i>Charles I</i>	Macmillan, 1997

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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