

## Charles II

**Start date** 06 March 2020**End date** 08 March 2020**Venue** Madingley Hall  
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Cambridge  
CB23 8AQ**Tutor** Dr David Smith**Course code** 1920NRX035**Director of ISP and LL**

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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

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## Course programme

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### 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	<b>Introduction: Charles's early life, 1630-58</b>
22:00	Terrace bar open for informal discussion

### Saturday

07:30	Breakfast
09:00 – 10:30	<b>The Restoration, 1658-67</b>
10:30	Coffee
11:00 – 12:30	<b>Charles's reign from 1667 to 1678</b>
13:00	Lunch
14:00 – 16:00	Free
16:00	Tea
16:30 – 18:00	<b>Charles's reign from 1678 to 1685</b>
18:00 – 18:30	Free
18:30	Dinner
20:00 – 21:30	<b>Charles's rule in Scotland and Ireland</b>
21:30	Terrace bar open for informal discussion

### Sunday

07:30	Breakfast
09:00 – 10:30	<b>Charles's historical reputation</b>
10:30	Coffee
11:00 – 12:30	<b>Discussion session</b>
12:45	Lunch

## **Course syllabus**

### **Aims:**

1. To examine Charles II's life and career in the context of his times;
2. To explore his personality, beliefs and motives through a range of primary sources.

### **Content:**

This weekend course will examine the personality and policies of Charles II. It will explore his turbulent early life, partly spent in exile, and consider how and why he came to be restored to the throne in 1660. The course will then look at his career as King, his beliefs and motives, the use that he made of his powers, and the nature of his achievements.

Five sessions will be devoted to particular segments of Charles's life and reign, running from his birth in 1630 to his death in 1685. Another session will focus on the fluctuating nature of his historiographical reputation. The final session will be devoted entirely to questions and discussion. Throughout, a wide range of primary evidence will be considered.

### **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/discussion in each session, and the whole of the final session will be devoted to this.

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

- gain a deeper awareness of Charles II's personality, beliefs and motives;
- understand his life and career in the context of his times.

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## Reading and resources list

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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 and date
Clare Jackson	<i>Charles II: The Star King</i>	Penguin 2016
Ronald Hutton	<i>Charles II</i>	Oxford 1989
John Miller	<i>Charles II</i>	Longman 2000
J.P. Kenyon	<i>The Stuarts</i>	Fontana 1966

## Website addresses

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## Additional information

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### Venue

Details of how to find Madingley Hall can be found on our website:  
<http://www.ice.cam.ac.uk/who-we-are/how-to-find-the-institute>

### Refreshments

Tea and coffee, lunch and dinner will be provided as outlined in the timetable. If you have any specific dietary requirements or allergies and have not already advised us, please inform our Admissions Team on [ice.admissions@ice.cam.ac.uk](mailto:ice.admissions@ice.cam.ac.uk) or +44 (0)1223 746262.

**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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