

Course rationale:

This third-year course focuses on the continent-wide reinforcement of order and authority during the later seventeenth century, roughly corresponding to the reign of Louis XIV. The French sovereign was not just the foremost among peers, he was a larger-than-life model imitated throughout Europe long after his death. Most of the states under consideration adopted some stronger form of royal hegemony, but the dosage differed from one state to another. The enhancement of authority and order over the period is unmistakable everywhere. Royal courts and capital cities like Paris, Vienna, Turin and Dresden were also the laboratory of a variety of political, social and cultural practices that used to be called "civilization". The readings will focus on the invention and spread of luxury industries, the advent of elitist cultural institutions and the growing reach of central government over pre-industrial societies.

This proposed course will follow a lecture/tutorial format, with the latter consisting of two articles per week totalling 40 to 60 pages, which is customary in a third-year History course. The readings will be accompanied by the analysis of a few primary sources.

Assignments and Grading:	Short paper	15%
	Research paper	35%
	Participation	20%
	Final Exam	30%

Two writing assignments will accompany in-class teaching: an analytical short paper of 5 pages (1400 words) comparing two articles based on empirical demonstration. This is a challenging little essay, due on week 4. The research paper of 4,000 words assigns each student a wider but still feasible topic enabling them to hone their skills of bibliographical research of the secondary literature and synthesis of that information. It will be due on week 9, graded and returned to students before the end of classes.

The final examination is based on definitions established in advance, and on the analysis of a primary source the students have not seen before.

Lecture topics and weekly readings**1: Crisis of authority in the mid-seventeenth century**

Beik (W) Urban factions and the social order during the Minority of Louis XIV, *French Historical Studies*, 15/1, 1987, 36-67

Rowen (H) The Revolution that wasn't: the Coup d'Etat of 1650 in Holland, *European Studies Review*, 4/2, 1974, 99-117

2: Louis XIV the Magnificent

Bonney (R) Vindication of the Fronde? The cost of Louis XIV's Versailles building programme, *French History*, 2007, 205-225

Rabinovitch (O) Versailles as a family enterprise: the Perraults, 1660-1700, *French Historical Studies*, 36/3, 2013, 385-416

3: Louis XIV, giver of laws

Rule (JC) The King in his council: Louis XIV and the Conseil d'en haut, *Royal and Republican Sovereignty in early modern Europe: essays in memory of Ragnhild Hatton*, 2006, 216-241

Salmon (JHM) The Audijos Revolt: Provincial liberties and institutional rivalries under Louis XIV, *European History Quarterly*, 14, 1984, 119-149

4: Louis XIV roi de guerre

Gutmann (M) Putting crises into perspective: the impact of war on civilian populations in the seventeenth century, *Annales de Demographie Historique*, 1977, 101-128

Rowlands (G) Louis XIV, aristocratic power and the elite units of the French army, *French History*, 13/3, 1999, 303-31

5: Leopold I and Confessional Absolutism in Central Europe

Louthan (H) Tongues, toes and bones: Remembering saints in early modern Bohemia, in *Relics and Remains: Past and Present (Supplement 5)*, 2010, 167-183

Nemeth (I) Representatives in a changing world: characteristics of urban advocacy at the turn of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, *Hungarian Historical Review*, 10/1, 2021, 3-34

6: Charles (Carlos) II and Spanish decadence

Borgognoni (E) The Royal Household of Marie-Louise Orleans 1679-1689: the struggle over executive offices, *The Court Historian*, 23/2, 2018, 166-181

Kamen (H) Public Authority and Popular Crime: Banditry in Valencia, 1660-1714, *Journal of European Economic History*, 3/3 1974, 654-687

7: Charles & James Stuart, overturning the Civil War

Miller (J) Politics in Restoration Britain, *A Companion to Stuart Britain*, B. Coward ed., Oxford 2003, 399-415

Williams (JA) English Catholicism under Charles II, *Recusant History*, 7, 1963, 123-143

8: William III of Orange, Calvinist crusader in the Dutch Republic

Rowen (H) William III, stadholder and king, *The Princes of Orange: The Stadholders in the Dutch Republic*, CUP, 1988, 131-47

Van der Steen (J) 'This Nation was not made for me': William III's introduction to Etiquette, ritual and ceremony at the English Court, 1688-1691, *Dutch Crossing*, 33/2, 2009, 121-134

9: Victor Amadeus of Savoy, the Piedmontese exception in Italy

Symcox (G) From Commune to Capital: the transformation of Turin, 16th to 18th centuries, in R. Oresko ed., *Royal and Republican Sovereignty in early modern Europe*, Cambridge, 1997, 242-269

Storrs (C) Provincial governors and the absolute state in Piedmont 1713-1748, *European History Quarterly*, 37, 2007, 35-60

10: Augustus the Strong of Saxony/Poland, paragon of ambition

Friedrichs (K) Court chapels in Saxony between 1697 and 1733: Augustus II the Strong between Catholicism and Protestantism, *Acta Poloniae Historica*, 116, 2017, 93-120

Cassidy-Geiger (M) Luxury markets and marketing luxuries: Meissen Porcelain, the Leipzig fairs and the Dresden Merceries under Augustus the Strong, in *Luxusgegenstände und Kunstwerke vom Mittelalter bis zur Gegenwart: Produktion – Handel – Formen der Aneignung*, Munich, 2015, 441-458

11: Friedrich Wilhelm, Friedrich I of Hollenzollern and the Brandenburg army state

Hagen (W) Seventeenth-century crisis in Brandenburg: The Thirty Years' War, the destabilization of serfdom and the rise of Absolutism, *American Historical Review*, 94, 1989, 302-335

McKay (D) Small-power diplomacy in the age of Louis XIV: the foreign policy of the Great Elector during the 1660s and 1670s, *Royal and Republican Sovereignty in early modern Europe: essays in memory of Ragnhild Hatton*, Cambridge, 1997, 188-21

12: Sparta of the North: Sweden 1660-1700

Lockhart (PD) The Swedish Empire in Louis XIV's Europe, *Sweden in the Seventeenth Century*, London, 2004, 106-122

Upton (A) The Riksdag of 1680 and the establishment of Royal Absolutism in Sweden, *The English Historical Review*, 102, 1987, 281-308