1. **Title of the module**

Europe in Extremes: Communism, Fascism and Nazism, 1917-1939

1. **School or partner institution which will be responsible for management of the module**

School of History

1. **The level of the module (Level 4, Level 5, Level 6 or Level 7)**

Level 5

1. **The number of credits and the ECTS value which the module represents**

30 credits (15 ECTS)

1. **Which term(s) the module is to be taught in (or other teaching pattern)**

Autumn Term

1. **Prerequisite and co-requisite modules**

None

1. **The programmes of study to which the module contributes**

BA History; BA Military History, and associated joint honours programmes.

1. **The intended subject specific learning outcomes.  
   On successfully completing the module students will be able to:**
   1. Demonstrate an advanced understanding of the three main extreme ideologies which took hold of countries in Europe during the interwar period, understanding how they came to power, how they consolidated their grip on their respective polities and how they governed.
   2. Demonstrate an understanding of the similarities and differences between these three movements, with particular reference to their ideological foundations, leadership styles, propaganda and social control tactics, foreign policy, and relationship with violence and civil strife.
   3. Demonstrate an awareness of how these three systems related to one another, and to other European states (including the liberal democracies, such as France and Britain), and of how their foreign policies fed into major conflicts and disputes during the period 1917-1939, such as the Russian Civil War(s), the Spanish Civil War, the Abyssinian Crisis and the Second World War.
2. **The intended generic learning outcomes.  
   On successfully completing the module students will be able to:**
3. Work with a moderate level of independence to research and develop their understanding of questions and issues.
4. Demonstrate an ability to provide persuasive written and verbal presentations, including the use of a range of primary source materials and historiographical content.
5. Research and integrate primary sources into written and verbal assessments and  communicate effectively to a variety of audiences and/or using a variety of methods.
6. Apply their knowledge and skills to the production of a range of different outputs, including both written and oral arguments.
7. **A synopsis of the curriculum**

This module explores the three extreme ideologies which took hold of parts of Europe during the interwar period – communism (especially in Russia; later, the Soviet Union), fascism (especially in Italy, and later in Spain), and Nazism (in Germany). These ideologies will be assessed in three ways. Firstly, they will be examined individually, encompassing their emergence, rise to power and assumption of total control; here, the emphasis will be on the power of ideological thinking, the extent of popular support attained by the movements, and the country-specific reasons for their success. Secondly, the ideologies will be considered in comparison with one another, including the leadership styles of Lenin, Stalin, Mussolini, Hitler and Franco, the roles played by propaganda in their rise and rule, and the ways in which they utilised, or otherwise engaged in, violence to further their aims. And thirdly, the connections between them will be discussed, especially the notion that in the countries mentioned above, and later across Europe, the struggle between extreme ideologies of left and right became the defining issue of the period.

1. **Reading list (Indicative list, current at time of publication. Reading lists will be published annually)**

* De Grand, Alexander, *Italian Fascism: Its Origins and Development* (Lincoln, NE: University of Nebraska Press, 2000)
* Evans, Richard, *The Coming of the Third Reich* (London: Penguin, 2004)
* Evans, Richard, *The Third Reich in Power* (London: Penguin, 2006)
* Goeschel, Christian, *Mussolini and Hitler: The Forging of the Fascist Alliance* (New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 2018).
* Kershaw, Ian, *To Hell and Back: Europe, 1914-1949* (London: Penguin, 2015)
* Kitchen, Martin, *Europe Between the Wars: A Political History* (Abingdon: Routledge, 2006)
* Smele, Jonathan, *The Russian Civil Wars, 1916-1926: Ten Years that Shook the World* (Oxford: OUP, 2015)
* Weeks, Theodore, *Across the Revolutionary Divide: Russia and the USSR, 1861-1945* (Oxford: Blackwell, 2010)

1. **Learning and teaching methods**

Contact Hours: 30

Private Study Hours: 270

Total Study Hours: 300

1. **Assessment methods**
   1. Main assessment methods

Gobbets Exercise (2,000 words) 20%

Essay 1 (2,500 words) 25%

Presentation 15%

Exam 40%

13.2 Reassessment methods

100% Coursework.

1. ***Map of module learning outcomes (sections 8 & 9) to learning and teaching methods (section12) and methods of assessment (section 13)***

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| **Module learning outcome** | 8.1 | 8.2 | 8.3 | 9.1 | 9.2 | 9.3 | 9.4 |
| **Learning/ teaching method** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Private Study | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| Lectures | X | X | X |  |  |  |  |
| Seminars | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| **Assessment method** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Presentation | X | X | X |  | X |  | X |
| Gobbets exercise | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| Essay | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| Exam | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |

1. **Inclusive module design**

The School recognises and has embedded the expectations of current equality legislation, by ensuring that the module is as accessible as possible by design. Additional alternative arrangements for students with Inclusive Learning Plans (ILPs)/declared disabilities will be made on an individual basis, in consultation with the relevant policies and support services.

The inclusive practices in the guidance (see Annex B Appendix A) have been considered in order to support all students in the following areas:

a) Accessible resources and curriculum

b) Learning, teaching and assessment methods

1. **Campus(es) or centre(s) where module will be delivered**

Canterbury

1. **Internationalisation**

This module is, at its core, a study of international history – exploring how different states with different ideologies interacted with one another and influenced/were influenced by major international events, such as the Treaty of Versailles, the Spanish Civil War, the Italian invasion of Abyssinia, and the outbreak of the Second World War. Moreover, international bodies, such as the League of Nations, will be considered directly alongside an in-depth analysis of the role played by diplomacy in this period. Students will be encouraged to think critically about the relationship between domestic political ideology and international relations. In addition, it is intended to initiate an annual School of History field trip to Berlin, in which students on this module would be encouraged to participate.

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**Revision record – all revisions must be recorded in the grid and full details of the change retained in the appropriate committee records.**

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