

MA in The Making of the Modern World: Decolonisation, Democracy, and Development



This degree provides students with an understanding of the **forces unleashed by the processes of decolonisation** across the extra-European world. These forces have profoundly shaped the world as it is today and the processes of decolonisation have in large part contributed to the formation of the modern world – both its international context and domestic realities in former colonial and post-colonial states. By understanding these processes and critically analysing them, students gain an in-depth appreciation of the relationship between decolonisation and modernity.

The MA in The Making of the Modern World primarily examines the political, developmental, institutional and social legacies of the decolonisation process. Unlike most existing degrees touching on these issues, **our MA is not embedded within only one discipline**. Although historical understanding is an essential component of the degree, we incorporate **insights from international relations, politics, human rights, economic history, and development studies**.

The degree offers:

- A comparative perspective: Students will examine decolonisation processes across the British, French, Dutch, Spanish, Portuguese, German and Belgian empires.
- Skills-building: Students will develop skills in understanding and analysing archival sources and undertaking archival and oral research.
- A strong foundation: Students expand their knowledge of international history, politics and society, ideal for those seeking to work for international organisations, the media, or other professional organisations.

Upon graduating, students will receive a degree awarded by the University of London.



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