

## **A Thousand Years of the British Monarchy, 1066-2020**

The British monarchy has survived centuries of change and crisis to remain a vital part of British politics and public life in the 21st century. This course will examine the history of the monarchy since the Norman Conquest of 1066 to the present-day. Classes will use a range of sources to explore key personalities and events which shaped the evolution of the monarchy over almost a thousand years: the relationship of the crown with aristocrats and ordinary people; the political ideas which justified monarchy and faced the challenges of republicanism, constitutionalism, and nationalism; the consolidation of the English and Scottish monarchies into a single institution at the top of a global empire; and the domestication of monarchy in the modern world.

### **Class themes:**

1. First among equals: medieval kings and their nobles
2. The Tudor and Stewart revolutions: the monarchical state
3. The Stuart crisis: absolutism, constitutionalism, and republicanism
4. Empresses and Emperors: imperial monarchy and its discontents
5. A model family?: domesticating the modern royals

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