

A comparative history of the First World War, 1912-1923. Sources

Department of History, School of History and Cultures

College of Arts and Law

Details

Code 24219

Level of study Third/Final year

Credit value 20

Semester 1

Module description

This special subject will allow students to develop a comparative understanding of the experience of the First World War in the context of the 1912 to 1923 period. Students will also consider the evolution of the historiography of the conflict since the late 1980s. Transformed by a comparative and cultural turn, the field has also been reinvigorated by gender studies and innovative approaches to warfare. Questions of methodology as well as of chronology are now at the core of the historiographical debate. This module will challenge the conventional focus on national experiences and offer a pragmatic approach to the comparative and transnational history of the First World War. It will explore a range of historical questions including: war and social modernization, nationalism and cultural mobilization, the experiences of soldiers and commanders, economic mobilization, the transformations of the state, gender and citizenship, race and imperialism, the reconstruction of Europe, international relations and peace-making.