

HSTR 320A: THE BRITISH MONARCHY SINCE 1689 (Autumn 2019)

Subject to change

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Course description:

This course will examine the changing powers and the evolving symbolic significance of the British monarchy from the Glorious Revolution of 1689 to the present day. Our central theme will be the transformation of monarchy from the central engine of British government to an almost purely symbolic figurehead of the nation. Along the way, we will have occasion to consider how popular perceptions of the monarchy, as well as its public representation, have been shaped by such major historical forces as war and empire, religion and secularization, politics and democracy, and the rise of the press and the modern media.

Proposed assignments:

Three Short (1,000-word) Analytical Papers	25% each	75%
One Final (two-hour) Exam		25%

Proposed reading list:

Required readings posted on Course Spaces