BCNM04 (NM 2322): Jews and European Society from 1750, Prof. Z. Rodgers
Duration: Semester B
Contact hours p/w: 2 hours per week

Assessment: 1 x 3,000-word essay and other assignments set by the lecturer. b) 90% attendance at lectures is required to pass the module.
Weighting: 5 ECTS

Description: This module provides a survey of the Jewish experience in modern Europe. After a brief introduction to the harbingers of the modern period, we begin with an examination of the Enlightenment and the formation of the modern state and their consequences for Jewish life and thought and end at the outbreak of the First World War. The cultural, social, and political lives of Jews were transformed in this period, which is marked by innovation, tragedy and success. Among the themes explored in depth are: Jewish emancipation; acculturation and religious reform; Jewish life in the Russian empire and in Eastern Europe; the rise of political and racial antisemitism; mass migration; and varieties of Jewish national politics.