

## Early Modern History

I am happy to supervise students who wish to study any aspect of European history between ca. 1500 and 1800. During this period, the world changed radically amid religious conflicts, political transformations, and social unrest, resulting in a new way of life and thought that has also been described as “modern” and early capitalist.

I am open to supervising a wide range of topics, including (but not limited to):

- **Reformations and Religious Conflict** – Protestant and Catholic Reformations, confessional cultures, devotional practices, and coexistence.
- **Political Thought, Political Culture, and State Formation** – debates on sovereignty, rituals of representation, and the growth of states and institutions.
- **Gender, Family, and Social History** – family life, sexuality, gender roles, and the negotiation of social norms.
- **Intellectual and Cultural History** – humanism, the circulation of knowledge, science, education, theatre, and festivals.
- **Urban Infrastructures and Technologies** – roads, water systems, public buildings, and the politics of urban design.
- **Microhistory and Everyday Life** – case studies or biographies of individuals, communities, or events that illuminate wider dynamics.
- **Empire, Trade, and Global Encounters** – trade networks, colonial encounters, the circulation of objects, travel literature, and cross-cultural perceptions and misunderstandings.

Interdisciplinary approaches and projects that explore connections across regions are especially welcome. Students are further encouraged to shape their own research questions and pursue their individual interests. Reading lists and bibliographies on individual themes are available to help you get started.