



Introduction to Culture Studies (UK & Ireland), SoSe 2017

General information concerning this course

In this course we examine the geology, geography, history and culture of the United Kingdom and Ireland.

The course runs for one semester and is worth 3 Credit Points for BA (VSLT) and Erasmus students. To successfully complete the course, students need to attend regularly and pass a written examination. The examination is scheduled for Thursday 27 July 2017 from 10:15 to 11:45 in Room 2.03, Building A2 2; if this date is inconvenient, there is a second possibility to take the examination: Thursday 12 October 2017 from 10:15 to 11:45 in Room 2.03, Building A2 2.

All students taking the course should make sure that their correct e-mail address is on the course mailing list. It would be appreciated if students could include the word “[culture]” (in square brackets) in the subject field of any emails addressed to the course leader.

Course notes

The course notes will be made available here, fascicle by fascicle:

Notes for Unit 0 coursenotes201701/fascicles/fascicle_00.pdf

Links and other handouts

Unit 0: Introduction: An overview of the course

Unit 0.1: Preparation

Prepare any questions you have about the course.

Unit 0.2: Lesson

Slides for Unit 0 (Introduction) cs1701topic00/cs20170420-beamer.pdf

Printout of slides for Unit 0 (Introduction) cs1701topic00/cs20170420-print.pdf



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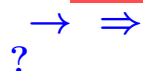


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Unit 0.3: Worksheet Questions

[Worksheet Questions for Unit 0 \(Introduction\)](#) [questions00/index.html](#)

[All Worksheet Questions for all units in one document \(11 pages\)](#) [questionsmerge1701/questionsmerge1701.pdf](#)

Unit 0.4: Additional Materials for Unit 0 (Introduction)

[British History Timeline](http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/launch_tl_british.shtml) http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/launch_tl_british.shtml

[A useful source of information about the UK](http://www.statistics.gov.uk) <http://www.statistics.gov.uk>

[The United Kingdom Explained, by C.G.P. Grey](http://tinyurl.com/cgpgreybritain) <http://tinyurl.com/cgpgreybritain> (don't forget to activate the subtitles if you find he speaks too fast)

[Outline Map of the British Isles](#) [maps/british-isles-outline.jpg](#)

Unit 1: Geology

Unit 1.1: Preparation

Revise the geological periods (last 500 million years).

Unit 1.2: Lesson

[Slides for Unit 1 \(Geology\)](#) [cs1701topic01/cs20170427-beamer.pdf](#)

[Printout of slides for Unit 1 \(Geology\)](#) [cs1701topic01/cs20170427-print.pdf](#)

Unit 1.3: Worksheet Questions

[Worksheet Questions for Unit 1 \(Geology\)](#) [questions01/index.html](#)

Unit 1.4: Additional Materials for Unit 1 (Geology)

[How Britain formed](http://www.discoveringfossils.co.uk/how_britain_formed.htm) http://www.discoveringfossils.co.uk/how_britain_formed.htm

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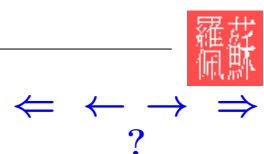


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The most important geological site in the world (Hutton's Unconformity at Siccar Point) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=39LT_x1cW4g

Hutton's Unconformity <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LMfPSdrrjZI>

Geology of Great Britain http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Geology_of_the_United_Kingdom

in case you are not familiar with Darwinian evolution, this is the best all-in-one introduction (it lasts an hour):

David Attenborough: Charles Darwin and the Tree of Life <http://tinyurl.com/cdattol>

if the above link is broken, try:

David Attenborough: Charles Darwin and the Tree of Life <http://tinyurl.com/3a9gta8>

if you want to go into even more detail, here is a series of five one-hour lectures designed for children:

Richard Dawkins: Growing Up in the Universe (Part 1) <http://tinyurl.com/guitu-1>

Richard Dawkins: Growing Up in the Universe (Part 2) <http://tinyurl.com/guitu-2>

Richard Dawkins: Growing Up in the Universe (Part 3) <http://tinyurl.com/guitu-3>

Richard Dawkins: Growing Up in the Universe (Part 4) <http://tinyurl.com/guitu-4>

Richard Dawkins: Growing Up in the Universe (Part 5) <http://tinyurl.com/guitu-5>

this is the best visual summary of the latest models of how life began (lasts 10 minutes):

cdk007: The Origin of Life - Abiogenesis - Dr. Jack Szostak <http://dotsub.com/view/720518f1-8879-4458-b48e-f7a>

this is a brilliantly clear one-hour lecture on the origin of life by one of Richard Dawkins's teachers:

John Maynard Smith: The Origin of Life <http://tinyurl.com/jmslecture>

and here is an interesting BBC documentary series on the history of geology (from a Scottish perspective, but then, that's not too much of a distortion of reality):

Iain Stewart: Men of Rock (1) - Deep Time <http://tinyurl.com/stewart-menofrock-1>

Iain Stewart: Men of Rock (2) - Moving Mountains <http://tinyurl.com/stewart-menofrock-2>

Iain Stewart: Men of Rock (3) - The Big Freeze <http://tinyurl.com/stewart-menofrock-3>

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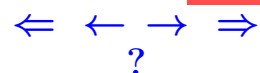
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Unit 2: Geography, Climate, Initial Human Settlement

Unit 2.1: Preparation

Study the following maps:

Topographic map of the UK maps/Uk_topo_en.jpg

Topographic map of Ireland maps/474px-Topography_Ireland.jpg

Unit 2.2: Lesson

Slides for Unit 2 (Geography, Climate, Initial Human Settlement) <cs1701topic02/cs20170504-beamer.pdf>

Printout of slides for Unit 2 (Geography, Climate, Initial Human Settlement) <cs1701topic02/cs20170504-print.pdf>

Unit 2.3: Worksheet Questions

Worksheet Questions for Unit 2 (Geography, Climate, Initial Human Settlement) <questions02/index.html>

Unit 2.4: Additional Materials for Unit 2 (Geography, Climate, Initial Human Settlement)

Map of cities and towns in the British Isles <maps/UnitedKingdomCitiesandTownsOMC.png>

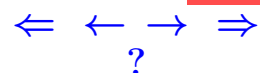
Geography of the United Kingdom http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Geography_of_the_United_Kingdom

Geography of Ireland http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Geography_of_Ireland

Jared Diamond: Guns, Germs and Steel (Episodes 1-3) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ojU31yHDqiM>

Guns, Germs and Steel: more information <http://www.pbs.org/gunsgermsteel/index.html>

Jared Diamond: Why Societies Collapse <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IESYMFtLIis>





Unit 3: C1–C5 Roman Britain

Unit 3.1: Preparation

Revise your Latin, and read Julius Caesar's description of Britain:

De bello gallico, Book V, Chapter 12 <http://tinyurl.com/34mjd1e>

De bello gallico, Book V, Chapter 13 <http://tinyurl.com/34aw3zq>

De bello gallico, Book V, Chapter 14 <http://tinyurl.com/2usph6k>

... and if your Latin has run out, you can check the English translations here:

Gallic War, Book V, Chapter 12 <http://tinyurl.com/2upj3yg>

Gallic War, Book V, Chapter 13 <http://tinyurl.com/3x3tbrn>

Gallic War, Book V, Chapter 14 <http://tinyurl.com/344sxst>

Unit 3.2: Lesson

Slides for Unit 3 (C1–C5: Roman Britain) [cs1701topic03/cs20170511-beamer.pdf](http://tinyurl.com/cs1701topic03/cs20170511-beamer.pdf)

Printout of slides for Unit 3 (C1–C5: Roman Britain) [cs1701topic03/cs20170511-print.pdf](http://tinyurl.com/cs1701topic03/cs20170511-print.pdf)

Unit 3.3: Worksheet Questions

Worksheet Questions for Unit 3 (C1–C5: Roman Britain) [questions03/index.html](http://tinyurl.com/questions03/index.html)

Unit 3.4: Additional Materials for Unit 3 (C1–C5: Roman Britain)

Some aspects of the Roman legacy in Britain are predictable — the location of towns and roads, for example. Others are not. Among the strangest consequences of the Roman period was that it introduced into Britain a monotheistic *religion*. Within the theoretical model with which we are working, the status of religion is somewhat problematic. Obviously, religion is part of the *superstructure* of society; but should we approach religion as an *institution* (studying 'the church' alongside 'the army', 'the government', etc.) or should we approach religion as a form of *ideology* (comparing people's religious beliefs with their other beliefs and tastes, e.g. as seen in the literature and art they produce)?

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One of the most accessible and useful theoretical works on religion can be found here:

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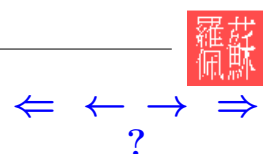
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Bronislaw Malinowski: Magic, Science and Religion <http://books.google.de/books?id=KdT4f0T49XwC>

Even if you don't have time to read it all, you should at least skim through it, as it provides a valuable definition of religion by contrasting religion with magic, and magic with science. (It's no longer available online, but I'll try to organize a photocopy of the relevant essay.)

Unit 4: C5–C10: Anglo–Saxons and Vikings

Unit 4.1: Preparation

Unit 4.2: Lesson

Slides for Unit 4 (Anglo-Saxons and Vikings) <cs1701topic04/cs20170518-beamer.pdf>

Handout for Unit 4 (Anglo-Saxons and Vikings) (content of slides reformatted for easier printing) <cs1701topic04/cs20170518-print.pdf>

Unit 4.3: Worksheet Questions

Worksheet Questions for Unit 4 (C5–C10: Anglo-Saxons and Vikings) <questions04/index.html>

Unit 4.4: Additional Materials for Unit 4 (C5–C10: Anglo–Saxons and Vikings)

The Venerable Bede: *Historia ecclesiastica gentis Anglorum* (in Latin) <http://tinyurl.com/historiaecclesiastica>

Anglo-Saxons (Wikipedia) <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anglo-Saxons>

Map of the 'Heptarchy' <http://historyofengland.tumblr.com/post/2870931755/the-heptarchy-to-the-9th-centu>

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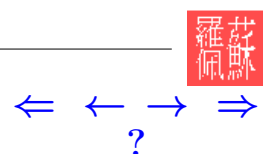


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Unit 5: C10–C15: Middle Ages

Unit 5.1: Preparation

Unit 5.2: Lesson

Slides for Unit 5 (Middle Ages) [cs1701topic05/cs20170601-beamer.pdf](#)

Handout for Unit 5 (Middle Ages) (content of slides reformatted for easier printing) [cs1701topic05/cs20170601-print.pdf](#)

See also the photocopies that were handed out in class.

St Crispin's Day speech [cs1001topic5/crispin.pdf](#)

Unit 5.3: Worksheet Questions

Worksheet Questions for Unit 5 (C10–C15: Middle Ages) [questions05/index.html](#)

Unit 5.4: Additional Materials for Unit 5 (C10–C15: Middle Ages)

English Monarchs Family Tree http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kings_of_England_family_tree

British Monarchs' Family Tree http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/British_monarchs%27_family_tree

Descent of Elizabeth II from William I http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Descent_of_Elizabeth_II_from_William_I

Unit 6: C16: Absolutism and Reformation

Unit 6.1: Preparation

Unit 6.2: Lesson

Slides for Unit 6 (Absolutism and Reformation) [cs1701topic06/cs20170608-beamer.pdf](#)

Handout for Unit 6 (Absolutism and Reformation) (content of slides reformatted for easier printing) [cs1701topic06/cs20170608-print.pdf](#)

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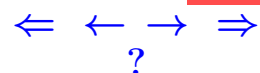
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Unit 6.3: Worksheet Questions

[Worksheet Questions for Unit 6 \(C16: Absolutism and Reformation\)](#) [questions06/index.html](#)

Unit 6.4: Additional Materials for Unit 6 (C16: Absolutism and Reformation)

Unit 7: C17: Parliamentarism

Unit 7.1: Preparation

Unit 7.2: Lesson

[Slides for Unit 7 \(Parliamentarism\)](#) [cs1701topic07/cs20170622-beamer.pdf](#)

[Handout for Unit 7 \(Parliamentarism\) \(content of slides reformatted for easier printing\)](#) [cs1701topic07/cs20170622-print.pdf](#)

Unit 7.3: Worksheet Questions

[Worksheet Questions for Unit 7 \(C17: Parliamentarism\)](#) [questions07/index.html](#)

Unit 7.4: Additional Materials for Unit 7 (C17: Parliamentarism)

Unit 8: C18: Industrial Revolution

Unit 8.1: Preparation

Unit 8.2: Lesson

[Slides for Unit 8 \(Industrial Revolution\)](#) [cs1701topic08/cs20170706-beamer.pdf](#)

[Handout for Unit 8 \(Industrial Revolution\) \(content of slides reformatted for easier printing\)](#) [cs1701topic08/cs20170706-print.pdf](#)

Unit 8.3: Worksheet Questions

[Worksheet Questions for Unit 8 \(C18: Industrial Revolution\)](#) [questions08/index.html](#)

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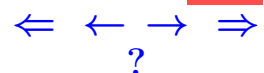


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Unit 8.4: Additional Materials for Unit 8 (C18: Industrial Revolution)

A good introduction to the Industrial Revolution by Professor Rempel <http://www.ude1.edu/flt/faculty/aml/201files/IndRev.html>

Unit 9: C19:

Unit 9.1: Preparation

Unit 9.2: Lesson

Slides for Unit 9 (Imperial Britain) [cs1701topic09/cs20170713-beamer.pdf](#)

Handout for Unit 9 (Imperial Britain) (content of slides reformatted for easier printing) [cs1701topic09/cs20170713-print.pdf](#)

See also photocopies in the envelope hanging next to my office door.

Unit 9.3: Worksheet Questions

Worksheet Questions for Unit 9 (C19: Imperial Britain) [questions09/index.html](#)

Unit 9.4: Additional Materials for Unit 9 (C19: Imperial Britain)

Unit 10: C20:

Unit 10.1: Preparation

Unit 10.2: Lesson

Slides for Unit 10 (Post-Imperial Britain) [cs1701topic10/cs20170720-beamer.pdf](#)

Unit 10.3: Worksheet Questions

Worksheet Questions for Unit 10 (C20: Post-Imperial Britain) [questions10/index.html](#)

Unit 10.4: Additional Materials for Unit 10 (C20: Post-Imperial Britain)

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