**The Bonaparte Saga**

The Bonaparte family rose to fame thanks to Napoleon, its most illustrious member. Twice, in the course of the 19th century, that family helped shape France’s destinies: two emperors, three kings, a queen, not to mention princes & princesses who cultivated their independence and often shocked the French establishment, a famous neurotic who helped saved Freud from the Nazis, an American politician who founded the FBI and a member of the French Resistance during WW2. This course proposes a fresh look at the Bonaparte dynasty and its astonishing rise and influence in the last 200 years.