

The Adventurous History of the Hanse

Most people have heard of the 'Hanseatic League', but few know its full story. Originally a self-help pact between a group of German merchants, it grew to a mighty trading organisation whose tentacles spread to every corner of medieval Europe. It built its own warehouses, even its own towns, setting its stamp everywhere from King's Lynn to Bergen; it decreed the flow of goods across continents, and directed the rivers of gold that were generated by its trade. Most important of all, as the power behind several medieval thrones, it represents the 'Factor X' that makes sense of many crucial moments in history. This short course will outline the history of the League from its humble beginnings to its eclipse by the new commercial powers of the modern world, with particular emphasis on the links between the Hanse and Britain.



The great Hanseatic town of Lübeck in North Germany

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A Hanseatic 'cog'

A Short Course with Rosemary Williams

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On Zoom, 10.00 – 12.30.