

### Lukáš Perutka: *The Rise and Fall of the British Empire*

The course of *The Rise and Fall of the British Empire* will be focused mainly on some of the important patterns regarding the biggest domain of the world - history, economy, social structures, and international relations. Also, every important part or region will be presented in comparison to the others.

The purpose of this course is to present historical, social and economic perspective, introducing students to the analysis of the most important patterns of the British Empire from its beginnings to the process of decolonization in the postwar period. No previous knowledge required as one of the purposes is also to widen and broaden the student's knowledge from high school. The focus will be mainly on the wider context of the British Empire and its role in the global world of the past and present.

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to use analysis to identify and evaluate the processes of political evolution and transformation of the socioeconomic structures that are characteristic for the British Empire. Students should be able to analyze local problems, not as a series of facts; instead, they should be able to interpret every fact in a broader and wider context of the globalized world of the past and today. Students will also learn how to work individually and exercise proper thinking. Just like according to Rene Descartes: Cogito ergo sum.