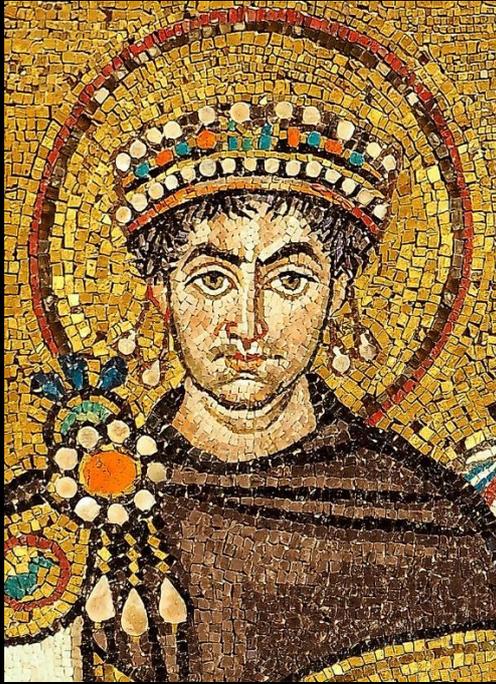


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The Byzantine Empire: Power and Faith



This course explores the history of the Eastern Roman Empire (or Byzantium) from the times of Justinian the Great until the Fall of Constantinople in 1453. It will focus on political events, social phenomena, and cultural developments that shaped the early, middle, and late periods of the empire. We will look at the conflicts with the Arab Muslims, the Crusades, and the wars with the Ottomans. We will consider questions of Roman political traditions and reform. In the attempt to understand the Byzantine civilization, students will also get acquainted with how the Christian Church influenced the operations of the empire. Furthermore, we will discuss the Byzantine structures and ideas which are still relevant in the modern days.

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