



FALL 2019 COURSE

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The Healdsburg branch of AAUW is pleased to announce the Fall season of Forum, the popular lifelong-learning series open to the community. Two separate courses will be offered, each one covering six weeks.

Bewildered by Brexit? Tuesday courses feature the ever-entertaining scholar Bruce Elliott, explaining how England has come to this divisive time. Professor Elliott is known for adding extra zest to his lectures by appearing in the garb of the times he is instructing about.

How much do you know about Russia? Do you think of it as the land of Tolstoy and Catherine the Great? Or as Putin's Playground? Taught by acclaimed Russian-born writer Anastasia Edel, this course will give you the inside view to understand the current political, economic, and cultural landscape, all leading to the actions of the current Russian government.

Forum courses have been very well attended and we expect this one will be no exception. Forum takes place at **Raven Performing Arts Theater, Healdsburg - 115 North Street, Healdsburg, from 10 – 11:45 a.m.** Here are the schedule details:

**BRITISH REVOLUTIONS: From the English Reformation to Brexit.** Bruce Elliott, Ph.D., teaches at Stanford, UC Berkeley, SSU. Forum classes: Tuesdays, October 8 – November 12

For all its vaunted antiquity and heritage, historically Great Britain was the most precocious of nations. Britain led the way into the modern era in many areas – social, political, cultural – fostering changes so profound as to be considered revolutionary. Sweeping through five centuries of British history, this course will lend background to the key revolutionary stages, from Henry VIII's break with Rome to the Brexit secession from the European Union. Along the way, we'll highlight leading characters, the Kings, Queens, and Knaves, who helped set the tone for their times, from Elizabeth the Virgin Queen, to Oscar Wilde, to Winston Churchill. As we provide context for Britain's most significant historical moments, class lectures will be illustrated by extensive visuals.

**UNDERSTANDING RUSSIA: Politics, History, and Culture.** Anastasia Edel , teaches Russian culture and history at UC Berkeley Thursdays, October 10 – November 14.

Russia continues to dominate the news cycle- but how much do you actually know about the country and its people? Venturing beyond headlines, this class will give an inside view of Russian history, politics, and culture, looking into the very mind of the nation. What is behind Russia's current slide into autocracy Which national myths, beliefs, and historic developments feed Putin's anti-democratic ideology? Taught by an acclaimed writer and cultural critic, the course follows a multimedia format that intertwines the country's latest political and cultural developments with historical perspectives expressed in film, music, and literature. Participants will emerge with understanding of Russia's current political landscape, as well as possible motivators behind the actions of the Russian government.

Registration begins September 1. The enrollment fee is \$95 for the six week course and is nonrefundable and nontransferable. ***Proceeds support local educational programs and scholarships for women and girls.*** More information about the presenters, the courses and registration forms can be found at [www.healdsburg-ca.aauw.net](http://www.healdsburg-ca.aauw.net)

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