Since the 1970s, welfare reform has been a political priority throughout the western world. In Britain, it has dominated New Labour under Tony Blair as much as it did the Conservatives under Margaret Thatcher. More generally, globalization has raised fears that national governments will dismantle their welfare states and, as in the 1930s, expose their citizens to the danger of mass unemployment and poverty. The Welfare State in Britain since 1945 examines key questions such as: - Why were welfare states created after the Second World War? - Did the 'classic' welfare state in Britain create a more fair and efficient society as its creators such as Beveridge hoped; or did it stifle initiative and enterprise, thereby accelerating economic decline? - Since the 1970s, has the introduction of greater market discipline into economic and social policy resulted in the dismantling of the welfare state; or has it been effectively restructured to satisfy old, and meet new, needs? - Is there a new 'Thatcherite' consensus? - Has Britain become once again, as in the 1940s, a welfare leader? This new edition of a well-established text has been enlarged to provide full coverage of the Thatcher years and New Labour. Rodney Lowe incorporates the latest research as well as an appreciation of variations in national policy, particularly in the aftermath of devolution. In so doing, Lowe provides the fullest range of available evidence on which to base informed judgements on the past record, and future direction, of welfare policy in Britain.

Race Relations in Britain since 1945 provides a critical overview of the origins, development and present state of race relations in Britain. Highly contentious, the field of race relations is closely related to a number of issues which are regarded to be at the very heart of contemporary British life. Professor Goulbourne draws on a variety of historical, sociological,
anthropological and political analyses to construct and advance a convincing and persuasive argument about differential incorporation into British society or inequality based on colour in the imperial and colonial era as well as the contemporary period.

**Party political positions on immigration policy in Great Britain since 1945**

Britain since 1945: The People's Peace is the first comprehensive study by a professional historian of British history from 1945 to the present day. It examines the transformation of post-war Britain from the planning enthusiasm of 1945 to the rise of New Labour. Its themes include the troubles of the British economy; public criticism of the legitimacy of the state and its instruments of authority; the co-existence of growing personal prosperity with widespread social inequality; and the debates aroused by decolonization, and Britain's relationship to the Commonwealth, the US and Europe. Changes in cultural life, from the puritanical 'austerity' of the 1940's, through the 'permissiveness' of the 1960s, to the tensions and achievements of recent years are also charted. Using a wide variety of sources, including the records of political parties and the most recently released documents from the Public Records Office, Kenneth Morgan brings the story right up to date and draws comparisons with the post-war history of other nations. This penetrating analysis by a leading twentieth-century historian will prove invaluable to anyone interested in the development of the Britain of today.

**Longman Companion to Britain since 1945**

'Britain since 1945' is an ideal introductory text for students of British Studies, cultural studies and modern British history. Assuming no prior knowledge, Leese offers students of all backgrounds both the essential chronological grounding and vital insight into the issues of identity necessary for a full understanding of contemporary Britain.

**Youth in Britain**

This is a lively account of post-war British youth, combining history, theory and debate. It examines the emergence of youth as a social category which came to embody the hopes and fears of British society in the decades after 1945.

**Britain and European Integration since 1945**

This timely new edition of the Longman Companion to Britain since 1945 (compiled by the series editors themselves) provides a wide-ranging compendium of key facts and figures on British history from the start of the landmark Attlee government in 1945 to the final years of the 1990s. The book embraces all major aspects of British history, government and society, reflecting the massive social, political and economic changes that have transformed the face of Britain since the end of the Second World War. Fully revised and updated, this new edition covers the advent of Tony Blair, the electoral victory of New Labour in 1997 and the major constitutional changes currently underway in Britain. This book will be invaluable to anyone interested in the history and politics of post-war Britain - from students and teachers to party activists and lovers of reader-friendly reference books.

**Trends in British Politics Since 1945**
The Longman Companion to Britain Since 1945

This book provides a detailed analysis of the evolution of the Conservative Right in Great Britain since 1945. It first explores the movement’s core ideas and highlights points of tension between its different strands. The book then proceeds with a thematically structured discussion. The Conservative Right’s views on the decline and fall of the British Empire, immigration control, European integration, the British constitution, the territorial integrity of the United Kingdom, Britain’s economy, the welfare state, and social morality and social change are all explored. In the concluding chapter, the author evaluates the extent to which the Conservative Right has succeeded in its core objectives since 1945 and addresses how it can best respond to a contemporary Britain in which it instinctively feels uncomfortable. The book is based on extensive elite interviews and archival research and will be of interest to anyone who seeks to place the contemporary Conservative Right in a greater historical context.

The People's Peace

Think more deeply and work more independently at A level History through a carefully thought-out enquiry approach from SHP. Enquiring History: It makes you think! The OFSTED report on school history suggests that the current generation of A Level students have been poorly served by exam-based textbooks which spoon-feed students while failing to enthuse them or develop deeper understandings of studying History The Schools History Project has risen to this challenge with a new series for the next generation. Enquiring History is SHP's fresh approach to Advanced Level History that aims: - To motivate and engage readers - To help readers think and gain independence as learners - To encourage enquiry, and deeper understanding of periods and the people of the past - To engage with current scholarship - To prepare A Level students for university Key features of each Student book - Clear compelling narrative - books are designed to be read cover to cover - Structured enquiries - that explore the core content and issues of each period - Feature panels between enquiries provide context, overview, and extension - Full colour illustrations throughout Britain since 1945 This title examines the key social developments in post war Britain from 1945-1990 and places them in their political context. It examines how changes in the media, and in the lives of women, young people, and immigrants worked together to transform Britain. These are both fascinating yet alien topics for today's A Level students - old but not quite yet 'history' - potent and controversial, but only dimly understood. This book sets out to shine a truly historical light on each topic using the vast array of powerful evidence. And underlying it all to address the key question: Has Britain become a more divided society than it was in 1945? Or is that just a myth fuelled by nostalgia? Web-based support includes - lesson planning tools and guidance for teachers available from the SHP website http://www.schoolshistoryproject.org.uk/Publishing/BooksSHP/BooksALvIEHS.html - eBooks for whole class teaching or individual student reading available from eBook retailers

Britain Since 1945

This history of Britain since 1945 confronts two themes that have dominated British consciousness during the post-war era: the myth of decline and the pervasiveness of American influence. The political narrative is about the struggle to maintain a power that was illusory and, from 1960 on, to reverse an economic decline that was nearly as illusory.
The British economy had its problems, which are fully analyzed; however, they were counterbalanced by an unparalleled prosperity. At the same time, there was a social and cultural revolution which resulted in a more exciting, dynamic society. While there was much American influence, there was no Americanization. American influences were incorporated with many others into a new and less stodgy British culture. Contrary to conventional wisdom, this groundbreaking book finds that the story of Britain since the war is marked not by decline but by progress on almost all fronts.

**From Soapbox to Soundbite**

**The Myth Of Decline**

Many accounts of British development since 1945 have attempted to discover why Britain experienced slower rates of economic growth than other Western European countries. In many cases, the explanation for this phenomenon has been attributed to the high level of defence spending that successive British post-war governments adhered to. Yet is it fair to assume that Britain's relative economic decline could have been prevented if policy makers had not spent so much on defence? Examining aspects of the political economy and economic impact of British defence expenditure in the period of the first cold war (1945-1955), this book challenges these widespread assumptions, looking in detail at the link between defence spending and economic decline. In contrast to earlier studies, Till Geiger not only analyses the British effort within the framework of Anglo-American relations, but also places it within the wider context of European integration. By reconsidering the previously accepted explanation of the economic impact of the British defence effort during the immediate post-war period, this book convincingly suggests that British foreign policy-makers retained a large defence budget to offset a sense of increased national vulnerability, brought about by a reduction in Britain's economic strength due to her war effort. Furthermore, it is shown that although this level of military spending may have slightly hampered post-war recovery, it was not in itself responsible for the decline of the British economy.

**From Soapbox to Soundbite**

Focuses on the political processes which influenced the key reforms of the late 1940s and the ways in which those reforms have subsequently been in some respects consolidated and in other respects undermined. Social policy is shown to have been subordinated to economic and foreign policy.

**UK Political Parties Since 1945**

**Post-war Britain**

Using a unique dataset spanning fifty years of policy-making in Britain, this book traces how topics like the economy, international affairs, and crime have shifted in importance. It takes a new approach to agenda setting called focused adaptation, and sheds new light on key points of change in British politics, such as Thatcherism and New Labour.
The Welfare State in Britain

Black Popular Music in Britain Since 1945 provides the first broad scholarly discussion of this music since 1990. The book critically examines key moments in the history of black British popular music from 1940s jazz to 1970s soul and reggae, 1990s Jungle and the sounds of Dubstep and Grime that have echoed through the 2000s. While the book offers a history it also discusses the ways black musics in Britain have intersected with the politics of race and class, multiculturalism, gender and sexuality, and debates about media and technology. Contributors examine the impact of the local, the ways that black music in Birmingham, Bristol, Liverpool, Manchester and London evolved differently and how black popular music in Britain has always developed in complex interaction with the dominant British popular music tradition. This tradition has its own histories located in folk music, music hall and a constant engagement, since the nineteenth century, with American popular music, itself a dynamic mixing of African-American, Latin American and other musics. The ideas that run through various chapters form connecting narratives that challenge dominant understandings of black popular music in Britain and will be essential reading for those interested in Popular Music Studies, Black British Studies and Cultural Studies.

The Welfare State in Britain since 1945

“The most lucid, comprehensive, intelligent and reliable account of post-war modern history on the market.” Teaching Politics “The book compels admiration for its thoroughness, its scope, the masterly ordering of its immense material.” The Sunday Times The ninth edition of this enormously successful standard work has been expanded to take into account the developments of the last 10 years, including the wars in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Sudan; the accelerating emergence of India and China as major powers; the major political developments in Latin America, including the rise and perhaps fall of Chavez in Venezuela; the march of globalisation and the popular protest movements against; the expansion eastwards of the European Union; instability in the Middle East and the question of oil and energy supply. Marked throughout by Calvocoressi’s characteristic erudition and elegance, World Politics since 1945 is essential reading for those who need to understand the great sweeps of contemporary history

Britain Since 1945

Britain and Europe since 1945

Anthony Forster argues that euroscepticism, in addition to being a political stance, displays the seeds of becoming a new faith. Through a detailed analysis of British post-war politics, he shows the development of a core set of beliefs, a history of persecution, displays of moral rectitude in opposing Europe and the power of scepticism to change existing beliefs. This challenging new history of euroscepticism will be a valuable resource for undergraduate students of politics and European studies.

British Society

Race Relations in Britain Since 1945
Taking a thematic approach, Derek Urwin addresses the major political and economic developments in western Europe since World War II, right up to the present day. The book covers issues and developments in national politics, and the movement towards greater unity in Western Europe and the role of Europe in global politics and in the international economy. The text has been revised throughout and updated to take account of the political consequences of the ending of the Cold War and the troubled progress of European integration since Maastricht. The Fifth Edition has lost nothing of its predecessor's clarity and accessibility and in its updated form will win the book a host of new admirers.

**Britain and World Power since 1945**

Electioneering in Britain is now a highly sophisticated and professionalised activity. This is the first book to examine in detail the dramatic transformation since 1945 in the campaign techniques used by political parties. Organised according to a clear thematic structure, it analyses the development of each element of electioneering as well as overall issues such as agenda setting and negative campaigning. A comprehensive overview, this revealing and entertaining book draws on interviews with many key participants and research in party archives.

**Britain Since 1945**

The Road to 1945 is a rigorously researched study of the crucial moment when political parties put aside their differences to unite under Churchill and focus on the task of war. But the war years witnessed a radical shift in political power - dramatically expressed in Labour's decisive electoral victory in 1945. In his acclaimed study, Paul Addison reconstructs and interprets the five-year wartime coalition, and traces this sea-change from its roots in the thirties, to the powerful spirit of post-war rebuilding. The Road to 1945 is an imaginative, brilliantly written and landmark work, underpinned by a powerful and expertly researched argument.

**British Politics since 1945**

Foreign policy has dominated successive governments' time in office and cast a consistently long shadow over British politics in the period since 1945. Robert Self provides a readable and incisive assessment of the key issues and events from the retreat from empire through the cold war period to Humanitarian Intervention and the debacle in Iraq.

**The Modern Way to Revolution**

This book provides both a comprehensive introduction and a perceptive examination of Britain’s relations with the European Community and the European Union since 1945, combining an historical account with political analysis to illustrate the changing and multifaceted nature of British and European politics. Few issues in British politics since 1945 have generated such heated controversy as Britain’s approach to the process of European integration associated with the European Union. The long-running debate on the subject has not only played a major part in the downfall of prime ministers and other leading political figures but has also exposed major fault-lines within governments and caused deep and rancorous divisions within and between the major political parties. This highly contested issue has given rise to bitter campaigning in the press and between pressure groups, and it
has bemused, confused and divided the public at large. Key questions addressed include: Why has Europe had such an explosive impact on British politics? What impelled British policymakers to join the European Community and to undertake one of the radical, if not the most radical, changes in modern British history? What have been the perceived advantages and disadvantages of British membership of the European Union? Why has British membership of the European Union rarely attracted a national consensus? Engaging with both academic and public debates about Britain and the European Union, this volume is essential reading for all students of British history, British politics, and European politics.

**Policy Agendas in British Politics**

This is a succinct, timely introduction to one of the most highly charged political questions which has dominated British politics since 1945: Britain's position in Europe. The study traces the evolution of British policy towards Europe since 1945, presenting the full international context as well as the impact on domestic party politics - including an analysis of the divisions in the Conservative Party under John Major.

**Britain Since 1945**

As a vigorous interpretation of political and social developments in Britain since the late-Victorian era, State and Society is one of the most respected and widely-read introductions to modern British history. Martin Pugh explores as his central theme the relationship between the British state and its citizens with characteristic skill and insight. In this new fifth edition, Pugh brings his final chapter on Crisis and Coalition right up to the result of the May 2015 general election. The text throughout has also been revised and extended to address themes such as women's history, social class, Scottish nationalism, the working of the monarchy and the British system of government, new perspectives on the history of the Labour Party, secularism and British attitudes towards Europe since the 1970s. Pugh explores these and other themes with perceptive and accessible prose, maintaining an ideal balance of socio-economic and political issues. Also including new images and annotated further reading lists, this new edition of State and Society reaffirms its position as an essential text for students of modern British history.

**A Political History of Western Europe Since 1945**

This volume gathers together contributions from a number of recognised experts and provides fresh insights into the connection between economic performance and socio-political change since the Second World War. It gives political evaluations of the Conservative and Labour parties and analyses the changing attitudes to their responsibilities: the welfare state, trade unions, housing, defence, education and nationalised industries for example. Concluding with an assessment of pop music and youth culture, the book spans the political, social and economic changes which have defined Britain since 1945.

**World Politics since 1945**

**Britain and the Economic Problem of the Cold War**
Though Britain’s descent from global imperial power began in World War II and continued over the subsequent decades with decolonization, military withdrawal, and integration into the European Union, its foreign policy has remained that of a Great Power. David M. McCourt maintains that the lack of a fundamental reorientation of Britain’s foreign policy cannot be explained only by material or economic factors, or even by an essential British international “identity.” Rather, he argues, the persistence of Britain’s place in world affairs can best be explained by the prominent international role that Britain assumed and into which it was thrust by other nations, notably France and the United States, over these years. Using a role-based theory of state action in international politics based on symbolic interactionism and the work of George Herbert Mead, Britain and World Power since 1945 puts forward a novel interpretation of Britain’s engagement in four key international episodes: the Suez Crisis of 1956, the Skybolt Crisis of 1962, Britain’s second application to the European Economic Council in 1966–67, and Britain’s reinvasion of the Falklands in 1982. McCourt concludes with a discussion of international affairs since the end of the Cold War and the implications for the future of British foreign policy.

After the fall of its empire, Britain still holds sway

Providing a comprehensive account of British politics since the end of the Second World War, this work is a useful reference book covering 60 key years of British politics. It is useful for academics, students and the general public alike.

British Politics since 1945 offers a comprehensive overview of postwar British politics ideal for introductory students and general readers alike. The book balances a narrative of the major events and personalities of the postwar political scene with a critical assessment of the recurrent issues and concerns of political debate. It also analyses the main ideological perspectives operating within party politics since the Second World War - from the Right, the Centre and the Left - showing how these dominant groups have viewed developments and expressed their ambitions over the last fifty years. Succinct chronological account complemented with critical, thematic assessment of ideas Covers central topic on all introductory politics and postwar history Extensive use of tabular material, and appendices for reference

This book offers a comprehensive overview of Britain's development since the end of the Second World War. It comprises 23 contributions from leading authorities and newer
The Road To 1945

Britain since 1945 is the established textbook on contemporary British political history since the end of the Second World War. David Childs' authoritative chronological survey discusses domestic policy and politics in particular, but also covers external and international relations. This new and improved seventh edition of this important book brings the picture to the present by including the following additions: Tony Blair's resignation and Gordon Brown's accession to power, immigration, the financial crisis from 2007: the first bank run in Britain since 1866, the 'Special-relationship' with the US and Obama, the 2010 General election and the first coalition government since 1945, 'Broken Britain' and Crime, the era of 'owned by China' and Britain's place in a turbulent world. Britain since 1945 is essential reading for any student of contemporary British history and politics.

Britain’s Conservative Right since 1945

This comprehensive and widely acclaimed study of British history since 1945 has been expanded to include a new chapter looking at the conflict over Brexit. This edition contains some further updating.

Euroscepticism in Contemporary British Politics