This course has two parts. The first part, approximately the first third, surveys the evolution of historical scholarship on the French Revolution from the mid-twentieth century to the present day. This will take us on a journey from the golden age of social history through cultural history, the linguistic turn, gendered conceptions, and postcolonial approaches. The second part assesses the extent to which the French Revolution was a transformative event by examining key institutions and practices, such as the family, property, religion, economic life, law, warfare, and constitutional structure.