

For your information, here is how the next few weeks will unfold:

- **Two changes to be noted down:**

- on January 9, the lesson will start at 13.30 and end at 15.30

- on January 30, because of the Latin / Greek exam, the lesson will be moved to 8am

- With a focus on the United States now, we'll try to consider in what ways Donald Trump is transforming the US presidency on the one hand, and US society on the other. In preparing them I had this analysis in mind ***"Donald Trump Is What Some Historians Call a 'Transformative President'"***

Whatever one feels about Trump's return to the White House, he is what some historians call a "transformational" or "transformative" president, whose victories serve as a forceful indictment of the status quo, and who has reshaped politics, ensuring that they will be played on new terms for decades to come.

This reality becomes easier to see when looking at the similarities between Trump and another transformative president: Franklin D. Roosevelt. Politically, Roosevelt had little in common with Trump. Yet, like Roosevelt's first election in 1932, Trump's success potentially signals the overturning of decades of political orthodoxies and the beginning of a new era.

TIME, Made by History, Justin Peck, March 14, 2025

- We'll see how President Trump's second presidency is changing
 - The US foreign policy and imperialism
 - The executive power and the federal government
 - Immigration
 - Culture (the press, social media, higher education, museums and Diversity and Equity)
 - and how it has rocked (or just revealed cracks in) the system of checks and balances

For JANUARY 9 I would like:

- Everyone to read Text 1 and text 2 in the file "Complement to File 8"
- Everyone to try to identify the structure of the text (> make its skeleton stand out)
- ONE PERSON to Present Text 7 in that file, "What MAGA Republicans really think of Trump's foreign policy", p11 to 13 >> Present the key points in the text and pick a few key phrases
- ONE PERSON or TWO PERSONS to Present Text 7 in FILE 8, "Trump and the end of American soft power", p8 to 11 >> Present the key points in the text and pick a few key phrases

For January 16 I would like

- TWO PERSONS to prepare a synthesis (that is to say an organised transversal synthesis) on US so-called 'neo-imperialism' using documents 1 to 6 in File 8

Please write your names in [the usual google document!](#)