How did Germany turn so quickly from a democracy into a dictatorship? How can we understand the rapid take-over, establishment and consolidation of Nazi rule? To answer these questions, this MA option focuses on the early 1930s, a brief, but crucial period of modern German history. We will explore this period from multiple perspectives, examining the German state, the Nazi movement and German society. Through the study of some primary source material and the relevant secondary literature, the course explores key events as well as broader historical and historiographical themes surrounding the Nazi capture of power.

Caption for the attached image:

Nazi parade at the Brandenburg Gate, Berlin (1936)