LOUIS XIV, BRITAIN, AND THE BATTLE FOR EUROPE

How did Britain help prevent Louis XIV, the 'Sun King', from dominating Europe?

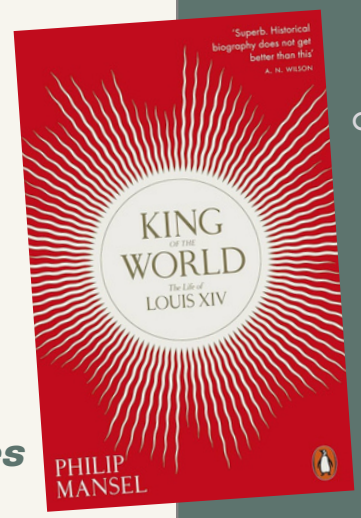
At the turn of the eighteenth century, Europe was engulfed in a struggle for power. As Louis XIV sought to extend French influence across the continent, Britain emerged as a crucial force in the alliances formed to resist him.

In this fascinating lecture, Dr. Philip Mansel explores how William III and the Duke of Marlborough combined military leadership with skilful diplomacy to challenge French ambitions. From Ireland to the battlefields of Eastern Europe, he reveals how royal rivalries, disputed successions and shifting alliances shaped the continent's future.

Moving between the courts of Versailles and London, the lecture uncovers Britain's central role in the political, dynastic and cultural struggles that transformed Europe.



Dr Philip Mansel is a distinguished historian of France and the Middle East, and the author of numerous books, including *King of the World: The Life of Louis XIV*, *Constantinople*, *Levant* and *Aleppo*. He is a regular contributor to *The Spectator*, *The Art Newspaper* and the *Times Literary Supplement*.



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