This seminar focuses on how historians explain and analyze 1) the fall of the Russian autocracy, 2) the success of the Bolsheviks in establishing their power and authority, and 3) the rise of Stalin and the characteristics of the Stalinist system. The syllabus is designed for the student with no prior course work in Russian and Soviet history and exposes students to the historiographical controversies of the field. At the end of the seminar students will be well versed in the general contours of Late Imperial Russian and Soviet history.

The ideal seminar paper serves as the basis of class discussion and provides a critical analysis of the week’s reading. It’s crucial that your paper has a clearly developed thesis. Narrative accounts should be kept to a minimum, except where they are necessary for the development of your argument. You must speak with me before you write the paper.

The discussant will start each seminar session with a statement of the issues and debates raised by the readings and papers. This statement, which is not identical to a summary of the papers’ contents, provides the “big picture” and helps to set the direction(s) seminar discussion will take. In most cases the discussant should contextualize the papers in terms of the previous week’s discussion. In addition, the discussant will comment on the seminar papers by recounting and assessing their theses.

As budding historians, you should learn to peruse book reviews of the monographs we are reading in the seminar. The reviews will help you keep abreast of what scholars are writing about the most recent additions to the historiography and will allow you to write more informed and substantive seminar papers. The major journals in the field are:

- American Historical Review
- Journal of Modern History
- Journal of Social History
- Revolutionary Russia
- Russian Review
- Slavic Review
- Kritika

In addition to writing seminar papers, seminar requirements include active participation in class discussions, a three-hour exam, and a revised seminar paper. Students must
familiarize themselves with the History Department’s statement about the culture of seminars that appears in the College Bulletin.

The seminar also helps to fulfill the College’s Writing Course requirement. Each student will work with me and other members of the seminar to revise one seminar paper that will be submitted to the external examiner.

I recommend looking at the essays in volumes 2 and 3 of The Cambridge History of Russia for additional information:
Volume 2: 1689-1917
https://doi-org.proxy.swarthmore.edu/10.1017/CHOL9780521815291
Volume 3: The Twentieth Century
https://doi-org.proxy.swarthmore.edu/10.1017/CHOL9780521811446

Peruse the following websites for your own edification and enjoyment:

**The Life of Sara Mebel**
Told by Laurie Bernstein, Emerita Professor of History at Rutgers University, this podcast narrates the life of Sara Mebel (a cousin of Bob Weinberg) who lived in Moscow for most of the twentieth century.
https://sarascentury.blogs.rutgers.edu/

**Stalin Digital Archive**
Yale University Press has digitized hundreds of documents about the Stalin era.
http://www.stalindigitalarchive.com/frontend/

**Russian History Blog**
http://www.russianhistoryblog.org
Prominent historians discuss various aspects of Russian and Soviet history.

**Seventeen Moments in Soviet History**
http://soviethistory.msu.edu/
Multimedia website of primary sources devoted to key moments in Soviet history.

**The Whisperers: Private Life in Stalin’s Russia**
http://www.orlandofiges.com/
Based on letters, diaries, memoirs, and photographs collected by the historian Orlando Figes, this site explores private life and the Soviet Union in the Stalin period.

**Communal Living in Russia** https://russlang.as.cornell.edu/komm/
Site devoted to apartment living in the late Soviet period

**Revelations from the Soviet Archives: Documents in English Translation**
http://loc.gov/exhibits/archives/
Collection of documents and photographs from the archives of the Soviet Union from an exhibit at the Library of Congress
Forced Labor Camps
http://www.osaarchivum.org/gulag/
Website organized by the Open Society Institute that is devoted to the Gulag
Site devoted to the history of the gulag

Gulag: Many Days, Many Lives
http://gulaghistory.org/
Site devoted to the history of the gulag

Soviet Poster Collection in the Peace Collection, McCabe Library
http://www.swarthmore.edu/Library/peace/Sovietposters/soviethistintro.htm
Posters devoted to maternity care, industrialization, collectivization, and antireligious campaigns from the 1920s and early 1930s.

Kennan Institute-National Public Radio Russian History Audio Archive
http://www.wilsoncenter.org/index.cfm?topic_id=1424&fuseaction=topics.media
On-line audio archive of speeches and voices of key political figures from the Soviet Union such as Lenin and Stalin.

Site devoted to the history of the mausoleum. Includes text, audio, and photographs, including those of Lenin and Stalin on display. Has links to other sites devoted to Lenin and Stalin.

Red Files: Soviet Propaganda Machine
http://www.pbs.org/redfiles/prop/stry/index.htm
A production of PBS, this website explores through texts and images the role of propaganda in the history of the Soviet Union.

REES Web: The World Wide Web Virtual Library for Russian & East European Studies  http://www.ucis.pitt.edu/reesweb/
The University of Pittsburgh has assembled a comprehensive website devoted to the field of Russian and East European Studies.

Soviet Music
http://english.sovmusic.ru/
A website devoted to music written under communism. It is a collection of songs about war, the military, patriotism, and leaders and also contains speeches and posters.

The Chairman Smiles
http://www.iisg.nl/exhibitions/chairman/
An on-line exhibit from the International Institute of Social History in the Netherlands that focuses on posters from the Soviet Union, Cuba and the People’s Republic of China.
Key to Abbreviations:
M--Moodle

Keep in mind that many of the books and journal articles on the syllabus and Moodle can also be accessed on-line via Tripod. In addition, they are also available in hard copy on the seminar shelf on the second floor of McCabe, and some are available for purchase via the bookstore. I have provided the links in the syllabus.

FEBRUARY 11: INTELLECTUAL AND POLITICAL TRENDS IN THE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY

Book of the Week: Marc Raeff, *The Origins of the Russian Intelligentsia*
M/ https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/001130640

Conceptualizing Tsarist Society


General Overview
Nicholas Riasanovsky, *A Parting of Ways*, Introduction
M/https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/000172158


Valerie Kivelson and Ronald Suny, *Russia’s Empires*, pp. 116-182 Seminar Shelf

M. S. Anderson, “Modernization and Resistance” M

Marc Raeff, “Peter’s Domestic Legacy: Transformation or Revolution” M

Topics for February 11
Ways to Conceptualize Tsarist Society
The Autocracy and its Relationship to Educated Russia
Russia from a West European Perspective
The Legacy of Peter the Great and Catherine the Great
FEBRUARY 16: INTELLECTUAL AND POLITICAL FERMENT DURING THE FIRST HALF OF THE NINETEENTH CENTURY

Book of the Week: Susana Rabow-Edling, *Slavophile Thought and the Politics of Cultural Nationalism*

M/ [http://web.a.ebscohost.com.proxy.swarthmore.edu/ehost/detail/detail?vid=0&sid=5e4be102-2aca-40fa-9805-a12cbebe30df%40sdc-v-sessmgr01&bdata=JnNpdGU9ZWhvc3QtbGl2ZQ%3d%3d#AN=176211&db=e000xna](http://web.a.ebscohost.com.proxy.swarthmore.edu/ehost/detail/detail?vid=0&sid=5e4be102-2aca-40fa-9805-a12cbebe30df%40sdc-v-sessmgr01&bdata=JnNpdGU9ZWhvc3QtbGl2ZQ%3d%3d#AN=176211&db=e000xna)

General Overview


Nicholas Riasanovsky, *A Parting of Ways*, Parts Two and Three

M/ [https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/000172158?](https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/000172158?)

Peter Chaadaev, “Russia and the World” and “Apology of a Madman” M

Nikolai Danilevskii, “The Slav Role in World Civilization” M

Alexander Herzen, “Letter to Jules Michelet” M

Alexei Khomiakov, “Russia and War” M

Ivan Aksakov, “Russia and Autocracy” M

Sidney Monas, “St Petersburg and Moscow as Cultural Symbols” M

Martin Malia, *Alexander Herzen and the Birth of Russian Socialism*, Chapters 1, 12, 13, 16, and 17 Seminar Shelf/ [https://www-fulcrum-org.proxy.swarthmore.edu/concern/monographs/k06987628](https://www-fulcrum-org.proxy.swarthmore.edu/concern/monographs/k06987628)

Topics for February 16

Explaining the Decembrists: Origins and Objectives

Whither Russia? Political, Intellectual, and Cultural Ferment in the Reign of Nicholas I
FEBRUARY 18: THE ERA OF THE GREAT REFORMS

General Background
Gregory Freeze, “Reform and Counter-Reform, 1855-1890” in Gregory Freeze, ed., Russia: A History M/
Valerie Kivelson and Ronald Suny, Russia’s Empires, pp. 183-194 Seminar Shelf

The Abolition of Serfdom
Terence Emmons, “The Peasant and the Emancipation” in Wayne Vucinich, ed., The Peasant in Nineteenth-Century Russia, pp. 41-71 M
David Moon, The Abolition of Serfdom in Russia, M

Peasants After Emancipation
Esther Kingston-Mann and Timothy Mixter, eds., Peasant Economy, Culture, and Politics of European Russia (“Breaking the Silence,” “Peasant Communes and Economic Innovation,” “Crises and the Condition of the Peasantry in Late Imperial Russia,” “Victims or Actors?: Russian Peasant Women and Patriarchy,” and “Everyday Forms of Resistance and Serf Opposition to Gentry Exactions”) M/
https://www-jstor-org.proxy.swarthmore.edu/stable/j.ctt7zvc1
Daniel Field, Rebels in the Name of the Tsar, introduction and conclusion M
Gleb Uspenskii, “From a Village Diary” M
Roger Bartlett, ed., Land Commune and Peasant Community in Russia (“Egalitarianism and the Commune,” “Women and the Peasant Commune,” “Differentiation in Russian Peasant Society,” and “Agricultural Advance Under the Russian Village System” M

Topics for February 18
The Hows and Whys of the Serf Emancipation
The Impact of Emancipation on the Peasantry

FEBRUARY 23: GENTRY AFTER EMANCIPATION AND POLITICAL REACTION

Gentry after 1861
Jerome Blum, “Russia” in David Spring, ed., European Landed Elites in the Nineteenth Century M
Roberta Manning, The Crisis of the Old Order: Gentry and Government, pp. 3-66
https://hdl-handle-net.proxy.swarthmore.edu/2027/heb.00164
Seymour Becker, Nobility and Privilege in Late Imperial Russia, pp. 3-154 and 171-78 Seminar Shelf
Gary Hamburg, The Politics of the Russian Nobility, pp. 1-67 M
Roger Munting, “Economic Change and the Russian Gentry, 1861-1914” M

Counter-Reform and Conservatism
Handout on the Counterreforms


Konstantin Pobedonostsev, “The Falsehood of Democracy”


Theodore Weeks, “Managing Empire: Tsarist Nationalities Policy” in *The Cambridge History of Russia*, volume 2, pp. 27-44

Heide Whelan, *Alexander III & the State Council: Bureaucracy & Counter-Reform in Late Imperial Russia* https://hdl.handle.net/2027/heb.05322


Topics for February 23
The Impact of Emancipation on the Gentry
The Impact of the Great Reforms on Autocratic Rule

FEBRUARY 25: THE FRAGMENTED SOCIETY

General Overview
Abraham Ascher, *The Revolution of 1905: Russia in Disarray*, chapter 1

Daniel Brower, “Urban Revolution in the Late Russian Empire,” in Michael Hamm, ed., *The City in Late Imperial Russia*, pp. 319-353

Tom Kemp, *Industrialization in Nineteenth-Century Europe*, pp. 119-151


Edith Clowes, ed., *Between Tsar and People* (“Introduction,” “Voluntary Associations, Civic Culture and Obschestvennost’ in Moscow,” “Cultural Pioneers and Professionals,” Impediments to a Bourgeois Consciousness in Russia,” and “Russia’s Unrealized Civil Society”)  

Elise Wirtzschaffer Kimerling, “The Groups Between” in *The Cambridge History of Russia*, volume 2, pp. 245-263

Charles Timberlake, “The Middle Classes in Late Tsarist Russia” in M. L. Bush, ed., *Social Orders and Social Classes in Europe Since 1500*

Topic for February 25
The Peculiarities of Russian Modernization

MARCH 2: REVOLUTIONARY STIRRINGS

Book of the Week: *A Radical Worker in Tsarist Russia: The Autobiography of Semën*
Ivanovich Kanatchikov, pp. 1-209

General Overview
Hans Rogger, *Russia in the Age of Modernization and Revolution*, pp. 132-160
Handout on Liberalism

Populism
Hans Rogger, *Russia in the Age of Modernization and Revolution*, pp. 132-141
Richard Wortman, *The Crisis of Russian Populism*, pp. 1-34
Andrzej Walicki, *The Controversy over Capitalism*,
https://hdl.handle.net/2027/uc1.b4432764
Barbara Engel and Clifford Rosenthal, *Five Sisters: Women Against the Tsar*,
pp. 3-58
Ekaterina Breshkovskaia, “Going to the People”
Michael Florinsky, *Russia: A History and Interpretation*, vol. 2, pp. 1064-1085

Social Democracy
“Emancipation of Labor” and “Lenin’s Concept of a Revolutionary Party”
Christopher Read, “Labour and Socialism in Tsarist Russia,” in Dick Geary, ed.,
*Labour and Socialist Movements in Europe before 1914*
Michael Melancon, “The Socialist Revolutionaries from 1902-1907: Peasant and Workers’ Party,”
*Russian History/Histoire Russe*, vol. 12, no. 1 (1985), pp. 2-47
(Read for argument)

Topic for February 25
The Russian Revolutionary Tradition: Spontaneity and Consciousness

MARCH 4: THE REVOLUTION OF 1905

Book of the Week: Abraham Ascher, *The Revolution of 1905: A Short History*
http://web.a.ebscohost.com.proxy.swarthmore.edu/ehost/detail/detail?vid=0&sid=4cad0b10-4f3e-48be-9945-653585c77bdf%40sdc-ysessmgr01&bdata=JnNpdGU9ZWhvc3QtGjI2ZQ%3d%3d#AN=125438&db=nlebk

General Overview
Valerie Kivelson and Ronald Suny, *Russia’s Empires*, pp. 194-220 and 237-254
Mark Steinberg, *The Fall of the Romanovs*, pp. 1-37
Mark Steinberg, “Russia’s Fin-de-Siecle, 1900-1914” in *The Cambridge History of Russia*, volume 3, pp. 67-93
1905
Laura Engelstein, *Moscow, 1905*
Charters Wynn, *Workers, Strikes, and Pogroms: The Donbass - Dnepr Bend in Late Imperial Russia, 1870-1905*

Gerald Surh, *1905 in St. Petersburg: Labor, Society, and Revolution*


**Topic for March 4**
The Crisis of the Autocracy: Weathering the Revolution

**MARCH 9: THE DUMA PERIOD**

Leopold Haimson, “Dual Polarization in Urban Russia, 1905-1917” M


Richard Pipes, *The Russian Revolution*, chapter 5 M


Geoffrey Hosking, *The Russian Constitutional Experiment* Seminar Shelf


Seymour Becker, *Nobility and Privilege in Late Imperial Russia*, pp. 155-170 M


Judith Pallott, “Did the Stolypin Land Reforms Destroy the Peasant Commune?” M

Grigorii Gerasimenko, “The Stolypin Agrarian Reforms in Saratov Province” M

**World War One**


Joshua Sanborn, “Unsettling the Empire: Violent Migrations and Social Disaster in Russia during World War I,” *Journal of Modern History* 77, no. 2 (June 2005); 290-324 http://www.jstor.org/stable/10.1086/431816
Joshua Sanborn, “War of Decolonization: The Russian Empire in the Great War” M
Joshua Sanborn, “Family, Fraternity, and Nation-Building in Russia, 1905-1925.” In
Ronald Suny and Terry Martin, eds., A State of Nations: Empire and Nation-Making in the Age of Lenin and Stalin, pp. 93-111
http://web.a.ebscohost.com.proxy.swarthmore.edu/ehost/detail/detail?vid=0&sid=a999a4ff-2d67-4a5b-9c7f-75ef4ca30454%40dc-v-sessmgr03&bdata=JnNpdGU9ZWhvc3QtbgI2ZQ%3d%3d#AN=264835&db=nleb

**Topic for March 9**
Duma or Doom: Sources of Stability and Instability on the Eve of 1917

**MARCH 11: THE REVOLUTIONS OF 1917**

**Book of the Week:** Mark Steinberg, *Voices of Revolution, 1917* M

**General Overview**
Sheila Fitzpatrick, *The Russian Revolution*, introduction, chapter 1 and chapter 2
https://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/swarthmore/detail.action?docID=430838&q=origsite=primo
Joshua Sanborn, *Imperial Apocalypse*, pp. 1-108
https://hdl.handle.net.proxy.swarthmore.edu/2027/heb.32308
Peter Holquist, *Making War, Forging Revolution: Russia’s Continuum of Crisis, 1914-1921*, pp. 1-46
https://hdl.handle.net.proxy.swarthmore.edu/2027/heb.05255
Ronald Suny, “Revising the Old Story” in Daniel Kaiser, ed., *The Workers’ Revolution in Russia*, M
Watch Part One of Stalin Documentary
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xiijdph2sYs&ab_channel=MajorEsterhazy
Leon Trotsky, “The Peculiarities of Russian History,” chapter 1 in *The Russian Revolution* M
John Thompson, *Revolutionary Russia*, “Fulfillment or Betrayal?” M
Alexander Rabinowitch, *The Bolsheviks Come to Power*, introduction and conclusion M
Daniel Orlovsky, “The Lower Middle Strata in Revolutionary Russia” in Edith Clowes, ed., *Between Tsar and People*, pp. 248-268 M
http://www.jstor.org/stable/2502054 M

**Topic for March 11**
Dynamics of the Revolution’s Trajectory: Explaining the Bolsheviks’ Success and Everybody Else’s Failures

**MARCH 16: 1917 CONTINUED**

Richard Pipes, *Three Whys of the Russian Revolution* M
Martin Malia, *The Soviet Tragedy*, chapter 3 M

**Topic for March 16**
Historiography: Social History, the Cold War, and the Question of Legitimacy

**MARCH 18 AND 23: THE CONSOLIDATION OF BOLSHEVIK RULE—CIVIL WAR AND WAR COMMUNISM**

**Book of the Week:** Peter Holquist, *Making War, Forging Revolution: Russia’s Continuum of Crisis, 1914-1921*, pp. 113-290 https://hdl.handle.net/2027/heb.05255
Joshua Sanborn, *Imperial Apocalypse*, pp. 205-262 https://hdl.handle.net/2027/heb.32308

**General Overview**
Valerie Kivelson and Ronald Suny, *Russia’s Empires*, pp. 266-289 S
Tenth Party Congress M
Martin Malia, *The Soviet Tragedy*, chapter 4 M
Peter Holquist, “‘Information is the Alpha and Omega of Our Work’: Bolshevik Surveillance in Its Pan-European Context,” *Journal of Modern History*, vol. 69,
Peter Holquist, “To Count, to Extract, and to Exterminate: Population Statistics and Population Politics in Late Imperial and Soviet Russia”  M
William Chase, Workers, Society, and the Soviet State, chapter 1  M
Evan Mawdsley, The Russian Civil War, pp. 272-290  M

Recommended
Silvana Malle, The Economic Organization of War Communism, introduction  M
Stephen Cohen, Bukharin and the Bolshevik Revolution, pp. 60-110  Seminar Shelf

Topic for March 18
War Communism: Path to the Radiant Future or Political Exigency?

Topic for March 23
Consolidating Soviet Power and the Issue of Legitimacy

MARCH 30: THE 1920S—THE DILEMMAS OF NEP

Book of the Week: Robert Tucker, Stalin as Revolutionary  https://www-fulcrum-org.proxy.swarthmore.edu/concern/monographs/fj236230b

General Overview
Stephen Cohen, “Bolshevism and Stalinism” in Stephen Cohen, Rethinking the Soviet Experience  M
Chris Ward, Stalin’s Russia, chapter 1  M


Martin Malia, *The Soviet Tragedy*, chapter 5

Moshe Lewin, *Russian Peasants, Soviet Power: A Study of Collectivization* Seminar Shelf

**Topic for March 30**

NEP as a Path to Socialism: Social and Ideological Tensions in the 1920s

**APRIL 1: THE SUCCESSION STRUGGLE**

**General Overview**

Isaac Deutscher, *Stalin: A Political Biography*, pp. 228-317 [https://hdl.handle.net/2027/mdp.39015002693276](https://hdl.handle.net/2027/mdp.39015002693276)


**Topic for April 1**

Why Did Stalin Win?

**APRIL 6: THE GREAT LEAP FORWARD**

**Book of the Week:** Sheila Fitzpatrick, *Stalin’s Peasants: Resistance and Survival in the Russian Village after Collectivization*  
[http://web.b.ebscohost.com.proxy.swarthmore.edu/ehost/detail/detail?vid=0&sid=1b5ed675-bf44-490e-ba40-c8e9a17fe9ff%40pdc-v-sessmgr03&bdata=JnNpdGU9ZWhvc3QtbGl2ZQR%3d%3d#AN=53373&db=e000xna](http://web.b.ebscohost.com.proxy.swarthmore.edu/ehost/detail/detail?vid=0&sid=1b5ed675-bf44-490e-ba40-c8e9a17fe9ff%40pdc-v-sessmgr03&bdata=JnNpdGU9ZWhvc3QtbGl2ZQR%3d%3d#AN=53373&db=e000xna)

**Collectivization**

Watch Part Two of Stalin Documentary  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BAw2BZnn7A4&ab_channel=MajorEsterhazy](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BAw2BZnn7A4&ab_channel=MajorEsterhazy)

Chris Ward, *Stalin’s Russia*, chapter 2

Lev Kopelev, *The Education of a True Believer*, pp. 224-236


http://www.jstor.org/stable/2494513
Moshe Lewin, *Russian Peasants and Soviet Power*, pp. 446-519 Seminar Shelf
Martin Malia, *The Soviet Tragedy*, chapter 6 M

**Topic for April 6**
The Goals and Consequences (Intended and Unintended) of Collectivization: Resistance and Accommodation

**APRIL 8: NATIONALITY POLICY**

**General Overview**
Terry Martin, “An Affirmative Action Empire: The Soviet Union as the Highest Form of Imperialism” M
Valerie Kivelson and Ronald Suny, *Russia’s Empires*, pp. 290-311 S
Elissa Bemporad, “Issues of Gender, Sovietization and Modernization in the Jewish Metropolis of Minsk” M

**Topic for April 8**
Nationality Policy: Unity through Diversity and Internationalism through Nationalism

**APRIL 13: INDUSTRIALIZATION AND THE COMMAND ECONOMY**


**Industrialization**
Alec Nove “Was Stalin Really Necessary?” *Encounter* (April 1962), M
Chris Ward, *Stalin’s Russia*, chapter 3

Jeffrey Rossman, *Worker Resistance Under Stalin: Class and Revolution on the Shop Floor*, introduction, chapters. 1 and 2 [https://hdl.handle.net.proxy.swarthmore.edu/2027/heb.05293](https://hdl.handle.net.proxy.swarthmore.edu/2027/heb.05293)


*A Short History of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union*, pp. 196-234 (skim)

Moshe Lewin, *The Making of the Soviet System* (“Society, State, and Ideology during the First Five-Year Plan” and “Social Relations Inside Industry during The Prewar Five-Year Plans”) [https://hdl.handle.net/2027/uc1.b4376120](https://hdl.handle.net/2027/uc1.b4376120)

Martin Malia, *The Soviet Tragedy*, chapter 6

Moshe Lewin, *The Making of the Soviet System*, pp. 91-120, and 178-190 [https://hdl.handle.net/2027/uc1.b4376120](https://hdl.handle.net/2027/uc1.b4376120)

**Topic for April 13**
The Strengths and Weaknesses of Five-Year Plans
APRIL 15: SPEAKING BOLSHEVIK AND SUBJECTIVITY; THE CULTS OF LENIN AND STALIN

General Overview


Jochen Hellbeck, *Revolution on My Mind: Writing a Diary under Stalin*, Prologue and chapters 1, 3, and 8

https://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/swarthmore/detail.action?docID=3300054


http://www.jstor.org/stable/41052987


http://www.jstor.org/stable/2124540


http://www.jstor.org/stable/27653033


https://muse.jhu.edu/journals/kritha/v009/9.3.griesse.html


http://www.jstor.org/stable/41052991

The Cults of Lenin and Stalin

Nina Tumarkin, *Lenin Lives! The Lenin Cult in Soviet Russia*

https://hdl.handle.net/2027/mdp.39015003969105

Jan Plamper, *The Stalin Cult: A Study in the Alchemy of Power* Seminar Shelf

Balazs Apor, ed., *The Leader Cult in Communist Dictatorships: Stalin and the Eastern Bloc* Seminar Shelf

Victoria Bonnell, *The Iconography of Power: Soviet Political Posters under Lenin and Stalin* https://hdl.handle.net/2027/heb.05220


http://www.informaworld.com/smpp/title~content=t713414944


Frank Westerman, *Engineers of the Soul: The Grandiose Propaganda of Stalin’s...*
Russia Seminar Shelf

Topics for April 15
Why Did People “Speak Bolshevik” and What Did that Mean?
Whys of the Cult of the Leader

APRIL 22: THE POLITICS OF CULTURE, WOMEN’S LIBERATION, AND EVERYDAY LIFE


General Overview
“Socialist Realism” and “Abortion” M
Chris Ward, *Stalin’s Russia*, chapter 7 M

Culture, Politics, and Society: Modernity Soviet-Style
Jeffrey Brooks, *Thank You, Comrade Stalin! Soviet Public Culture from Revolution to Cold War* Seminar Shelf
Richard Stites, ed., *Russian Popular Culture: Entertainment and Society since 1900*
Seminar Shelf
William Rosenberg, ed., Bolshevik Visions, Seminar Shelf
Eric Naiman and Christina Kiaer, Everyday Life in Early Soviet Russia: Taking the Revolution Inside Seminar Shelf
Richard Stites, Revolutionary Dreams: Utopian Vision and Experimental Life in the Russian Revolution
https://hdl.handle.net.proxy.swarthmore.edu/2027/heb.05390
http://www.jstor.org/stable/2495794
Sarah Davies, Popular Opinion in Stalin’s Russia: Terror, Propaganda and Dissent
https://hdl.handle.net.proxy.swarthmore.edu/2027/heb.05230
Sheila Fitzpatrick, “Popular Opinion in Russia Under Pre-war Stalinism” in Paul Corner, ed., Popular Opinion in Totalitarian Regimes: Fascism, Nazism, Communism) Seminar Shelf
William Rosenberg, Bolshevik Visions, volume 2 Seminar Shelf

Women and Family
Wendy Goldman, Women, the State and Revolution: Soviet Family Policy and Social Life, 1917-1936 https://hdl.handle.net.proxy.swarthmore.edu/2027/heb.05405
Elizabeth Wood, The Baba and the Comrade: Gender and Politics in Revolutionary Russia https://hdl.handle.net.proxy.swarthmore.edu/2027/heb.04369
Gail Lapidus, Women in Soviet Society, chapters 2 and 3
https://hdl.handle.net/2027/ue1.b3943949
https://hdl.handle.net/2027/mdp.39015007051124
https://hdl.handle.net/2027/mdp.39015054073609
Alexandra Kollontai, “Make Way for Winged Eros,” “Communism and the Family,” and “Sisters” M
Developments: Trends in Soviet Women’s History”)  
http://www.jstor.org/stable/131074

http://www.jstor.org/stable/2166382

Choi Chatterjee, Celebrating Women: Gender, Festival, Culture, and Bolshevik Ideology, 1910-1939  
https://hdl.handle.net/2027/inu.30000082280425

Rochelle Ruthchild, Equality and Revolution: Women’s Rights in the Russian Empire, 1905-1917  
https://www-jstor-org.proxy.swarthmore.edu/stable/j.ctt5hjp1d

Topics for April 22
The Promise and Reality of Women’s Emancipation  
Modernity and Soviet Power  
Culture in the 1930s: Fulfillment or Divergence

APRIL 27 AND 29: THE PURGES AND STALINISM

Book of the Week: James Harris, The Great Fear: Stalin’s Terror of the 1930s  

General Overview
Sheila Fitzpatrick, The Russian Revolution, chapter 6  

Graeme Gill, Stalinism M  
Oleg Khlevniuk, Master of the House: Stalin and His Inner Circle, pp. xiii-xxv, 166-203, and 246-262  
https://www-jstor-org.proxy.swarthmore.edu/stable/j.ctt1npxxw

Oleg Khlevniuk, The History of the Gulag: From Collectivization to the Great Terror  

David Shearer, “Stalinism, 1928-1940” in The Cambridge History of Russia, volume 3, pp. 192-216  
https://doi.org.proxy.swarthmore.edu/10.1017/CHOL9780521811446.009

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**The Purges, Peasants, and National Minorities**

**Topic for April 27**
Explaining the Purges
**Topic for April 29**
Defining Stalinism and the Problem of Continuity and Change
MAY 4: THE FINAL YEARS OF STALIN

**Book of the Week:** Yoram Gorlizki and Oleg Khlevniuk, *Cold Peace: Stalin and the Soviet Ruling Class*

[https://www.fulcrum.org/concern/monographs/sn009z07c](https://www.fulcrum.org/concern/monographs/sn009z07c)

**The Black Years of Soviet Jewry**


Amir Weiner, “When Memory Counts: War, Genocide, and Postwar Soviet Jewry” M

Zvi Gitelman, “The Black Years and the Gray” M

“Campaign Against Cosmopolitanism” M

Andrei Zhadanov, “Report to the Leningrad Branch of the Union of Soviet Writers” M


“The Arrest of a Group of Doctor-Saboteurs” and “Spies and Murderers in the Guise of Physicians and Scientists” M

Alexander Lokshin, “The Doctors’ Plot: The Non-Jewish Response” M

Joshua Rubenstein, *Stalin’s Secret Pogrom: The Post-war Inquisition of the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee*


Yehoshua Gilboa, *The Black Years of Soviet Jewry, 1939-1953*

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**General Overview**

Watch Part Three of Stalin Documentary

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Valerie Kivelson and Ronald Suny, *Russia’s Empires*, pp. 311-327 S


William Fuller, “The Great Fatherland War and Late Stalinism, 1941-1953” M

Chris Ward, *Stalin’s Russia*, chapter 6 M

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Juliane Furst, ed., *Late Stalinist Russia: Society between Reconstruction and Reinvention*

Introduction and articles by Levesque, Fieseler, Edele, Manley, and Heinzen M

Elena Zubkova, “Russia After the War: Hopes, Illusions, and Disappointments” M

(Please note that this is a selection from the book *Russia After the War*, which is available on seminar reserve) and here:

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**Topic for May 4**
What Was Stalin Up to before He Died?

**MAY 6: COMING TO GRIPS WITH STALIN**

**General Overview**
Martin Malia, “To the Stalin Mausoleum” M
Nikita Khrushchev, “Secret Speech at the Twentieth Party Congress, 1956” M
Stephen Cohen, “The Stalin Question Since Stalin” and “The Friends and Foes of Change: Soviet Reformism and Conservatism” M

**Topic for May 6**
The Limits of DeStalinization