This is the version of the syllabus from the last time the course was taught. The format in Fall 2019 will be roughly similar, although there will probably be modifications to some readings and some variation with the modules.

(FEAR NOT!!! THE “RECOMMENDED READINGS” ARE A RESOURCE FOR STUDENTS WHO WILL WANT TO WRITE ON THAT TOPIC AND FOR DEVELOPING COMPS EXAM READING LISTS: I AM NOT EXPECTING THAT YOU READ THESE BOOKS FOR EACH WEEK!)

Issues and Themes in Imperial Russian History
History 620-302
Spring 2017       Monday, 2-5PM     McNeil Center, Room 105

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This course is designed to familiarize students with the historiographical terrain and key issues in the history of imperial Russia (1689-1917).

Grading: Informed discussion and participation will constitute 50% of your grade (this will encompass both in-class discussion and your participation in the “Australian Rules” format). A final paper, due Monday, May 8, will make up 50% of your grade.

A historiographical essay, on a topic to be chosen in consultation with the instructor, is due at the end of the term. This 20- to 25-page essay may include, but should not be limited to, readings assigned in the course.

Final Paper: The fundamental written assignment will be a historiographical essay, on a topic to be chosen in consultation with the instructor. The paper should include, but not be limited to, readings assigned in the course. Ideally, this paper will address issues related to a major area of interest for your Ph.D. Preliminary Exams, or to possible dissertation topics, or to anticipated teaching fields.

This paper is meant to be an analytic and conceptual paper rather than a research paper. However, if there are students who wish to cast their final paper as a research paper, they also have that option. They must, however, indicate that they will be pursuing this option early in the semester and work in collaboration with the instructor in developing it.

Seminar participation format
If enrollment numbers permit, we will employ the Australian rules format (if numbers permit, guidelines on Aussie Rules to follow).
If we do not employ Aussie Rules, one student each week will be responsible for posting a 1-2 page response to the week’s readings and whatever additional readings that
student has undertaken (several weeks require every seminar member to read or skim one additional monograph) by Sunday night at 8PM. And one student each week will serve as respondent, presenting the readings and the comments raised in his colleague’s response, and conducting the first hour of our class seminar.

Readings: Due to declining student purchases at the Penn Book Center, I will not be ordering books there. Please acquire the books either as your own copies or as library copies. These books will also be on reserve in Van Pelt. Many of the articles are available on-line, through Van Pelt. Those articles and book chapters not available electronically I will make available at the course Canvas site as a .pdf document.

Those who read Russian will be expected to read the texts marked with this diamond.

NOTE: The three-volume *Cambridge History of Russia* is available on-line through Van Pelt Library.

To purchase:

EITHER

OR

NOTE: The Randolph and Hillis books are available only in hardback or e-book versions. While they are reasonably priced, you may wish to try to acquire copies second hand.

**WEEK 1 (Jan. 11: Weds., but Monday schedule): Introductions**

- Introductions
- Overview of Australian Rules or seminar presentation format
• The teaching of imperial Russia in North American graduate schools: course syllabi, 1986-2015 (posted at Canvas site). Review these syllabi and be prepared to discuss how the graduate teaching of imperial Russia has changed over the years.

**Jan. 16: NO CLASS (MLK DAY)**

**WEEK 2 (Jan. 23): PETER THE GREAT TRANSFORMS RUSSIA?**


**FORUM:**


• Kliuchevskii, Vasilii Osipovich. *Kurs russkoi istorii*, vol. 3, Lectures 60 (“Petr Velikii, ego naruzhnost’”), 68 (“Znachenie reformy Petra Velikogo”)


**Recommended**


James van Horn Melton, “Absolutism and ‘Modernity’ in Early Modern Central Europe,” *German Studies Review* 8, no. 3 (Oct. 1985), 383-98. (J-STOR). [In relation to Raeff’s AHR article.]


**WEEK 3 (Jan. 30): SERFDOM: THE FOUNDATION OF RUSSIAN POWER?**


Each student will read one additional reading from the recommended list: please browse to suggest a proposed reading.


**Recommended:**


- See also the interview with Michael Confino in *Kritika* 9, no. 2 (Spring 2008): 279-90.


Struve, Petr. *Krepostnoe khoziaistvo: Issledovanie po ekonomicheskoi istorii v Rossii v XVIII i XIX vv.* (Moscow: Izd. Sabashnikovykh, 1913); “Predislavie” and “Osnovnye momenty v razvitii krepostnogo khoziaistva v Rossi v XIX v” (pp. vii-ix; 1-170) [in VP and available on-line via RGB].
Week 4 (Feb. 6): ANTINOMIES OF EMPIRE, PART I: EARLY EMPIRE


In consultation with instructor, each student will select a text from the recommended readings.

Recommended:


de Madariaga, Isabel. Russia in the Age of Catherine the Great. New Haven, Conn.: Yale University Press, 1981. Chapters on Baltic and Ukraine.


Raeff, Marc. “Patterns of Russian Imperial Policy toward the Nationalities.” In Marc Raeff, *Political Ideas and Institutions in Imperial Russia* (Boulder, CO, 1994), 126-140.


**Week 5 (Feb. 13): THE 18th CENTURY: ABSOLUTIST STATE—OR AGE OF NOBILITY?**


Raeff, Marc. *Origins of the Russian Intelligentsia* (248 pp.)


Each student will skim one reading from the recommended list.

Lecture LXXXI, “Vliianie krepostnogo prava na umstvennuiu i nravstvennuiu zhizn’ russkogo obshchestva”

Recommended
Bogoslovskii, M. M. Byt i nravy russkogo dvorianstva v pervoi polovine XVIII v. Moscow: Tip. G. Lissnera i D. Sobko, 1906. [52 pp.]


Historia Rossica, 2017) [512 pp]


Mironov, Boris. *Sotsial’naia istoriia Rossi, vol. 1, ch. 2, pp. 82-98; vol. 2, ch. 9, pp. 127-40. [In Mironov with Eklof, *Social History of Imperial Russia*, vol. 1, ch. 6, pp. 397-418.]


**Week 6 (Feb. 20): THE ALEXANDRINE REFORM ERA. OR WAS THAT THE ERA OF REACTION?**


Recommended:
Dovnar-Zapol’skii, Mitrofan Viktorovich. Politicheskie idealy M. M. Speranskogo. (1905). (72 pp.)
Hartley, Janet M. “Russia in 1812: Part II: The Russian Administration of Kaluga Guberniiia.” Jahrbücher für Geschichte Osteuropas 38, no. 3 (1990), 399-416.


**Week 7 (Feb. 27): INTELLIGENTSIA? INTELLIGENTSIAS? (1830s-1840s)**


Recommended


<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/03043479>


Knight, Nathaniel.  “Was the Intelligentsia Part of the Nation? Visions of Society in Post-Emanicipation Russia.”  *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History* 7, no. 4 (Fall 2006):733-758


Koyré, Alexandre.  *La philosophie et le problème national en Russie au début du XIXe siècle.* Paris: Champion, 1929.  Esp. Ch. 3: La métaphysique allemande en Russie; Ch. 5: La civilisation nationale et les destinées de la Russie, 153-73; and Ch. 7: La narodnost’ et la nationalisme official, 194-207.


Walicki, Andrzej.  Ch. 6, “The Slavophiles” (pp. 92-114) and ch. 7, “The Russian Hegelians—From ‘Reconciliation with Reality’ to ‘Philosophy of Action’” (pp. 115-34) in *A History of Russian Thought: From the Enlightenment to Marxism.* Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1980.  [PDF]


MARCH 6: SPRING BREAK


Week 8 (March 13): GREAT (?) REFORMS


Each student will skim one of the following:

- Igor’ Khristoforov, Sud’ba reformy

Recommended


Dolbilov, Mikhail. “Russification and the Bureaucratic Mind in the Russian Empire's Northwestern Region in the 1860s.” Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History 5, no. 2 (Spring 2004): 245-71


Wortman, Richard. “Rule by Sentiment: Alexander II’s Journeys through the Russian Empire.” American Historical Review 95 (June 1990): 745-71


**Week 9 (March 20): ANTINOMIES OF EMPIRE, PART II: ORIENTS AND DOMESTIC OTHERS**


- Also available in English as: Pieter Judson, “Was Austria-Hungary an Empire?” [PDF]

Each member of the class will read one monograph from the recommended readings.

**Recommended:**


Tolz, Vera. “Imperial Scholars and Minority Nationalisms in Late Imperial and Early Soviet Russia.” *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History* 10, no. 2 (Spring 2009), 261-89.


Week 10 (March 27): DE-CENTERING THE EMPIRE, DE-CENTERING RUSSIAN-NESS?


OR


Recommended Reading:


Smith-Peter, Susan. “How to Write a Region: Local and Regional Historiography” (review). *Kritika*, 5, no. 3 (Summer 2004).

*Okrainy rossiiskoi imperii*. 5 vols. (Western Borderlands; Bessarabia; Caucasus; Siberia; and Central Asia), under general editorship of Aleksei Miller. Moscow: Novoe Literaturnoe obozrenie.
Week 11 (April 3): REFORMING POST-REFORM RUSSIA: “STATE” and “SOCIETY”


Recommended


Kotsonis, Yanni. “‘Face-to-Face’: The State, the Individual, and the Citizen in Russian Taxation, 1863-1917.” Slavic Review 63, no. 2 (Summer, 2004): 221-246.


Rieber, Alfred. “Bureaucratic Politics in Imperial Russia.” *Social Science History* 2, no. 4 (Summer 1978), 399-413.


**Week 12: April 10: WAR AND REVOLUTION 1 (1904-1907)**

***[OR, ALTERNATIVELY: “Civil Society”? See alternative option at end of syllabus]***

SKIM either


Each student will select one monograph below, in consultation with the instructor and to meet their own interests.

*Recommended*


Petergofskoe soveshchanie


Sections on 1905-1907.


**Week 13 (April 17): WAR AND REVOLUTION 2 (1914-1921)**


Holquist, Peter. “Violent Russia, Deadly Marxism: Russia in the Epoch of Violence,” *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History* 4, no. 3 (Summer 2003): 627-52. [on-line, via MUSE]

Read one monograph below:

**Recommended**

“State of the Field: 1917 on the Eve of the Centenary” Forum in *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History* 16, no. 4 (Fall 2015).


Khalid, Adeeb. “Central Asia between the Ottoman and the Soviet Worlds.” *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History* 12, no. 2 (Spring 2012), 451-76.


Sanborn, Joshua. *Drafting the Russian Nation: Military Conscription, Total War, and*
Struve, Peter. Ed. Food Supply in Russia during the Great War. New Haven: Yale, 1930. [Carnegie Series.]
Zagorsky, S. O. State Control of Industry in Russia during the War. New Haven: Yale, 1928. [Carnegie series.]

Week 14 (April 24): NO CLASS--WORK ON FINAL PAPERS!!!

***FINAL PAPER DUE MONDAY MAY 8***
OPTION INSTEAD OF ONE OF THE WAR AND REVOLUTION WEEKS: “Civil Society”?  
Engelstein, Keys and Clowes et al., Between Tsar and People]

Recommended Readings


