SUGGESTED READINGS FOR PhD QUALIFYING EXAM IN SOVIET HISTORY

Note to users: this bibliography is meant to serve as a resource for graduate students compiling reading lists in preparation for their PhD oral exam in the field of Soviet history. It does not pretend to be comprehensive, especially as regards journal articles. Nor does it reflect an expectation that the prepared student will have read everything listed below (which would be virtually impossible). Rather, it is a starting point from which to pick and choose, and upon which to build.

The list consists of three groups of works:

1. those designed to help orient you on the macro and micro levels
2. those organized according to specific periods of Soviet history
3. those organized according to specific themes

There is some overlap between groups 2 and 3. Within each sub-topic, works are listed alphabetically by author’s last name. You can move from section to section by searching for the next asterix (*).

My goal has been to list the most relevant and up-to-date works as of 2009 in the major European languages. Inevitably, there will be lacunae, errors, and typos. I would appreciate having these brought to my attention so that I can improve future editions of this list:
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Happy hunting.

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ORIENTATION:
Reference Works
Atlases
Overviews of Soviet History, 20th-Century Russia, Socialism/Communism
State of the Field

CHRONOLOGICAL UNITS:
Pre-Revolutionary Period
First World War, 1914–18
Revolutionary Era, 1917–18
War Communism and Civil War, 1918–21
Interwar Era, 1921-1939
Second World War, 1939–45
Late Stalin Era, 1945-53
Developed Socialism, 1953–85
Gorbachev Era, 1985-91
Longitudinal Studies of Specific Topics

THEMATIC UNITS:
Communist Party
Demography
Economy
Law and Legality
Religion, Atheism, and Secularization
Industrialization and Workers
Agriculture and Peasants
Women and Gender
Gulag
The USSR and the World
Natural Science and Technology
Culture and the Intelligentsia
Nationalities
Memory
Biographies
ORIENTATION

*REFERENCE WORKS


Mawdsley, Evan and Stephen White, eds. *The Soviet Elite from Lenin to Gorbachev: The Central Committee and its Members* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2000) [Also available online at http://hdl.library.upenn.edu/1017.3/0198297386.]


*ATLASES


*OVERVIEWS OF SOVIET HISTORY, 20TH-CENTURY RUSSIA, SOCIALISM/COMMUNISM


Responses:


*STATE OF THE FIELD*

*Cahiers du Monde russe* 40, no. 1-2 (janvier-juin 1999), special issue on “Archives et nouvelles sources de l'histoire soviétique, une réévaluation/Assessing the new Soviet archival sources.”


Creuzberger, Stefan et al., eds. *Wohin steuert die Osteuropaforschung? Eine Diskussion* (Cologne: Verlag Wissenschaft und Politik, 2000) [also available as special issue of *Osteuropa* vol. 49, no. 8 (August 1999); see esp. chapters by Baberowski and Nathans]


*Kritika* 2, no. 2 (Spring 2001) special issue, “The State of the Field: Russian History Ten Years after the Fall.”


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**THE PRE-REVOLUTIONARY PERIOD**


Responses:


Kotsonis, Yanni. “‘No Place to Go’: Taxation and State Transformation in Late Imperial and Early Soviet Russia,” *Journal of Modern History* 76, no. 3 (Sept. 2004): 531-77.


Rogger, Hans. *Russia in the Age of Modernisation and Revolution, 1881–1917* (London: Longman,


*THE FIRST WORLD WAR, 1914–18*

Eley, Geoffrey. “Remapping the Nation: War, Revolutionary Upheaval, and State Formation in Eastern


Sanborn, Joshua. “Unsettling the Russian Empire: Violent Migrations and Social Disaster in Russia during World War I.” *Journal of Modern History* 77, no. 2 (June 2005): 290-324.


*REVOLUTIONS, 1917–18*


Kolonitskii, B. I. *Simvoly vlasti i bor’ba za vlast’* (St. Petersburg: Dmitrii Bulanin, 2001).


Protasov, L. G. *Vserossiiskoe uchreditel’noe sobranie: istorii rozhdeniia i gibel’* (Moscow: Rosspen, 1997).


*WAR COMMUNISM AND CIVIL WAR, 1918–21*


Buldakov, V. P. Krasnaia smuta: Priroda i posledstviia revoliutsionnogo nasiliia (Moscow: Rosspen, 1997).


Patenaude, Bertrand M. *The Big Show in Bololand: The American Relief Expedition to Soviet Russia in the Famine of 1921* (Stanford, Calif.: Stanford University Press, 2002).


*THE INTERWAR ERA, 1921-1939*


Ball, Alan M. *And Now My Soul is Hardened: Abandoned Children in Soviet Russia, 1918–1930* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1994).


Khlevniuk, Oleg et al. (eds.), *Stalinskoe Politburo v 30-e gody* (Moscow: AIRO-XX, 1995).


Kostyrchenko, G. V. *Tainaia politika Stalina: Vlast’ i antisemitizm* (Moscow: Mezhdunarodnye otnosheniiia, 2001).


*THE SECOND WORLD WAR, 1939–45*


Harrison, Mark. “Wartime Mobilisation: A German Comparison,” in John Barber and Mark Harrison


*THE LATE STALIN ERA, 1945-53*


*DEVELOPED SOCIALISM, 1953–85*


Chernaiev, A. S. Moia zhizn’ i moe vremia (Moscow: Mezhdunarodnye otnosheniia, 1995).


Daniel’, Aleksandr. “История самиздата,” в книге Госбезопасность и литература: на опыте России и Германии (СССР и ГДР) под редакцией Т. В. Громовы и Е. В. Шукшин (Москва: Рудомина; 1994): 93-104


Reid, Susan E. “In the Name of the People: The Manège Affair Revisited.” *Kritika* 6, no. 4 (Fall 2005): 673-716.


*THE GORBACHEV ERA, 1985-91*


Boldin, V. I. Krushenie p’edestala. Shtrikhi k portretu M.S. Gorbacheva (Moscow: Respublika, 1995).

Bovin, Aleksandr. XX vek kak zhizn’: vospominaniia (Moscow: Zakharov, 2003).


Brown, Archie. Seven Years that Changed the World: Perestroika in Perspective (New York: Oxford UP, 2007)


Brutents, K. N. Tridsat’ let na staroi ploshchadi (Moscow: Mezhdunarodnye otnosheniia, 1998).


*LONGITUDINAL STUDIES OF SPECIFIC TOPICS*


Glebkin, V.V. Ritual v sovetskoi kul’ture (Moscow, 1998).


Kelly, Catriona. Refining Russia: Advice Literature, Polite Culture, and Gender from Catherine to Yeltsin (New York: Oxford University Press, 2001) [accessible on-line via Franklin].


Müller, Derek. Der Topos des neuen Menschen in der Russischen und Sowjetrussischen Geistesgeschichte (Bern: P. Lang, 1998).


*COMMUNIST PARTY AND APPARAT*


Pavliuchenkov, Sergei A. “*Orden mechenostsev*: partiia i vlast’ posle revoliutsii, 1917-1929” (Moscow, Sobranie, 2008).


*DEMOGRAPHY*


*ECONOMY*

Amann, Ronald, and J. M. Cooper, eds. *Industrial Innovation in the Soviet Union* (London: Yale University Press, 1982).


*LAW AND LEGALITY*


*RELIGION, ATHEISM, AND SECULARIZATION*


Krivova, Natalia Aleksandrovna. Vlast’ i tserkov v 1922-1925 gg. : Politbiuro i GPU v bor’be za tserkovnye tsennosti i politicheskoe podchinenie dukhovenstva (Moscow: AIRO-XX, 1997).


*INDUSTRIALISATION AND WORKERS*


*AGRICULTURE AND PEASANTS*


Kondrashin V.V. *Golod 1932-1933 godov: tragediia rossiiskoi derevni* (Moscow: ROSSPEN; Fond Prezidenta Rossii B.N.Elsina, 2008).


*WOMEN AND GENDER*


Friedman, Rebecca, and Dan Healey, eds. *Russian Masculinities in History and Culture* (New York: Palgrave, 2002).


*GULAG*


*GULAG (Glavnoe Upravlenie Lagerei)* 1918–1960 (Moscow, 2000).


*THE USSR AND THE WORLD*


Chubar’ian, A. O., ed. *Stalin i kholodnaia voina* (Moscow: In-t vseobshche istorii RAN, 1997).


Goldgeier, James M. *Leadership Style and Soviet Foreign Policy* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1994).


Kornienko, Georgii M. *Kholodnaia Voina: svidetelstvo ee uchastnika* (Moscow: Mezhdunarodnye otnosheniia, 1994).


Zubok, Vladislav M. *A Failed Empire: The Soviet Union in the Cold War from Stalin to Gorbachev* (Chapel Hill, NC: University of North Carolina Press, 2008).


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Bezborodov, A. B. *Vlast’ i nauchno-tekhnicheskaia politika v SSSR serediny 5 0-kh–serediny 70-kh godov* (Moscow: Mosgorarkhiv, 1997).


Pollock, Ethan. “Science under Socialism in the USSR and Beyond,” Central European History 10, no. 3 (2001).


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Beliaev, A.A. *Literatura i labirinty vlasti: ot "ottepeli" do perestroiki* (Moskva, 2009).


Dobson, Miriam. “Contesting the Paradigms of De-Stalinization: Readers’ Responses to *One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich,*” *Slavic Review* 64, no. 3 (Fall 2005): 580-600.


Fülöp-Miller, René. *The Mind and Face of Bolshevism* (New York: Knopf, 1929) [1926]).


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Rosenfeld, Alla, and Norton Dodge, eds. *From Gulag to Glasnost’: Nonconformist Art from the Soviet Union* (New York: Thames and Hudson in association with the Jane Voorhees Zimmerli Art Museum, 1995).


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Estraikh, Gennady. *In Harness: Yiddish Writers’ Romance with Communism* (Syracuse: Syracuse University Press, 2005).


Snyder, Timothy. “‘To Resolve the Ukrainian Question Once and For All’: The Ethnic Cleansing of Ukrainians in Poland, 1943-1947,” *Journal of Cold War Studies* 1, no. 2 (Spring 1999): 86-120.


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Paperno, Irina. “Exhuming the Bodies of Soviet Terror,” *Representations* 75 (Summer 2001), 89-118.


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