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History HIEU 156 – The Russian Empire and the Soviet Union, 1855-1991

This is a survey course that covers the history of the late Russian Empire and the now completed Soviet period. Its midway point is the Bolshevik Revolution of 1917. There will be an in-class mid-term with the option of replacing it with a 10-15 page research paper and a take-home final. The research paper can be on a topic of the student's choosing. You must come and discuss the topic and get guidance. A brief bibliography and set of questions must be handed in. Only then will approval be given. This must all be done before the date of the mid-term. No papers will be accepted that have not gone through this process, and no subject changes will be permitted. The work must be yours. Plagiarism is a serious violation.

Books (hopefully available at the bookstore)

N. Riasanovsky – *A History of Russia*, volume 2

Barbara Engel – *Women in Russia*

Steven Smith – *Red Petrograd*

Ronald Suny – *Revenge of the Past*

Richard Stites – *Russian Popular Culture*

R. and Z. Medvedev – *Khrushchev*

There are various editions of Riasanovsky with different chapter numbering. Use any edition.

Lectures	Readings
Week 1	
T – Emancipation and Reform	Riasanovsky –
Th – Revolutionary Populism	chs. xxix-xxxi*
Week 2	
T – Russian Marxism	Riasanovsky – chs. xxxii-xxxii
Th – Industrialization	
Week 3	
T – The First Revolution	Engel – 68-147
Th – Stolypin Reform	

Week 4

T – The pre-revolution 1907-1914
Th – 1917

Riasanovsky – ch. xxxiv
Smith

Week 5

T – film “The Fall of St. Petersburg”

Stites – 1-36

http://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=the+end+of+st.+petersburg&sm=3

Th – Mid-term

Week 6

T – Civil War

Th- NEP and Soviet Popular Culture

Riasanovsky – chs. xxxv-xxxviii

Stites – pp. 37-63

Engel – 148-268

Week 7

T – The Great Turn

Riasanovsky – chs. xxxix-xl

Th – The Great Patriotic War

Stites - pp. 64-209

Week 8

T – Origins of the Cold War

Th – Thaw and Reform

start Medvedevs

Week 9

T – film Ballad of a Soldier

finish Medvedevs

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h0zr877200s&feature=watch-now-button&wide=1>

Th – Stagnation and Change

Week 10

T - Perestroika

Th – Collapse

Riasanovsky - finish