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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. You are responsible for the material from 1855 to 1917 for the mid-term. The rest of the course will cover the Soviet period.

Lectures	Readings
Week 0	
Th - Emancipation	
Week 1	
T – The reform process	Riasanovsky – chs. xxix-xxxi*
Th – Revolutionary Populism	
Week 2	
T – Russian Marxism	Riasanovsky – chs. xxxii-xxxii
Th – Industrialization	

Week 3

T – The First Revolution
Th– Stolypin Reform

Engel – 68-147

Week 4

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

Riasanovsky – ch. xxxiv
Smith

Week 5

T – Mid- term
Th – Civil War

Stites – pp. 1-36

Week 6

T- NEP
Th – Soviet Popular Culture

Riasanovsky – chs. xxxv-xxxviii
Stites – pp. 37-63
Engel – 148-268

Week 7

T – The Great Turn
Th – The Great Patriotic War

Riasanovsky – chs. xxxix-xl
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 – Holiday

Week 10

T- Stagnation
Th – Perestroika and Collapse

Riasanovsky - finish