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.

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

#### Week 1

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T – Russian Marxism
Th– The All-Nation Opposition Movement and The First Russian Revolution

Engel – 68-147

Week 4
T– Stolypin Reform
Th - The Crisis of the Elites

Riasanovsky – ch. xxxiv

Week 5
T – The Crisis of the Working Classes
Th - 1917

Smith
Stites – pp. 1-36

Week 6
T- Mid-term exam
Th – NEP

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

Week 7
T – The Great Turn
Th– The Other Greats (Retreat and Terror)

Riasanovsky – chs. xxxix-xl
Suny

Week 8
T – Soviet Popular Culture?
Th – The Great Patriotic War

Stites – pp. 64-209

Week 9
T – The Origins of the Cold War
Th – Khrushchev and his Thaw

R. and Z. Medvedev

Week – 10
T- Change amid Stagnation
Th – Perestroika and Collapse

Riasanovsky - finish