MODERN EUROPE (Francine Hirsch)
SOVIET UNION Reading List

Books Read in Seminar:

*The Archival Revolution in Soviet History*

**The Revolution and Civil War**

**The Soviet 1920s**
Cohen, Steven F. *Rethinking the Soviet Experience* (1985) (3)

**Everyday Life Under Stalin**

**The Great Patriotic War**
Werth, Alexander. *Russia at War* (1964)

**Postwar Stalinism in the USSR and Eastern Europe**
Dunham, Vera. *In Stalin’s Time* (1976) (1)

**The Khrushchev Era**
Research Project
Senn, Alfred Erich. *Lithuania Awakening* (1990)

*History and Historiography of the Soviet Union*

1917
Daniels, Robert V. *Red October* (1967) (11)

Civil War and the Formation of the USSR

NEP
Lewin, Moshe. *Lenin’s Last Struggle* (1968) (5, 6, 10)
Ball, Alan. *Russia’s Last Capitalists* (1987) (Intro, 1, 6)

Soviet Empire?
Caroe, Olaf. *Soviet Empire: The Turks of Central Asia and Stalinism* (1954) (8-11)

The “Great Break”
Fainsod, Merle. *How Russia is Ruled* (1963) (15, 16)

Stalinism

**World War II**
Dallin, Alexander. *German Rule in Russia, 1941-1945* (1957) (3-5)

**The Revolution Abroad**
Zubok, Vladislav. *A Failed Empire: The Soviet Union in the Cold War from Stalin to Gorbachev* (2007)

**The Postwar USSR**
Dunham, Vera. *In Stalin’s Time: Middleclass values in Soviet fiction* (1976) (passage)
Timasheff, Nicholas. *The Great Retreat* (1946)
Pollock, Ethan. “Stalin as the Coryphaeus of Science: Ideology and Knowledge in the Postwar Years,” in Davies and Harris, eds., *Stalin: A New History* (2005)

**The Khrushchev Era**
Zubok, Vladislav and Constantine Pleshakov. *Inside the Kremlin’s Cold War: From Stalin to Khrushchev* (1997) (Intro, 6, 7, 8)

**The Brezhnev Era**
Research Colloquium


Independent Study

Zubok, Vladislav M. A Failed Empire: The Soviet Union in the Cold War from Stalin to Gorbachev (2007).


Other Books Read:

Armstrong, John A. Soviet Partisans in World War II (1964)
Chatterjee, Choi. Celebrating Women: Gender, Festival Culture, and Bolshevik Ideology.
Gorsuch, Anne E. Youth in Revolutionary Russia: Enthusiasts, Bohemians, Delinquents (2000).
Tumarkin, Nina. The Living & The Dead: The Rise and Fall of the Cult of World War II in Russia (1994).

Additional Reading:

10 books by Russians: Review essays
Kritika, Ab Imperio
State of Russian research since 1989
Literature changing? Being published in West
Oleg Khlevniuk
The books read at St. John’s include classic works in philosophy, literature, political science, psychology, history, religion, economics, math, chemistry, physics, biology, astronomy, music, language, and more. Reading Lists by Year. Freshman. Sophomore. For seven weeks in junior and senior years, seminar is suspended so that students may choose elective classes called preceptorials. Preceptorial Reading List. St. John's College. Annapolis.