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STALINIST RUSSIA

"We will keep out the kulaks" – propaganda poster from 1930

Description: This graduate seminar will examine the history and historiography of the Stalinist period. The course will focus primarily on the interaction between the party-state and society: both how the policies of Stalin and his entourage affected people's daily lives and how social and economic realities shaped and constrained state policy. We will focus on forced collectivization and industrialization, mass terror, the "Great Patriotic War," and post-war Stalinism. We will end with a book on the intelligentsia after Stalin's death. Over the course of the semester you will gain an

appreciation of the almost unimaginable suffering people experienced in Stalin's Soviet Union.
Work/Grading: Weekly reviews of the readings, two pages in length each, constitute the written work for the course. The final grade will be based on class participation as well as on the written work.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

WEEK ONE: 8/26
Introduction

WEEK TWO: 9/2
Naimark, Norman. *Stalin's Genocides.*

WEEK THREE: 9/9
Viola, Lynne. *The Unknown Gulag.*

WEEK FOUR: 9/16
Kotkin, Stephen. *Magnetic Mountain: Stalinism as a Civilization*.

WEEK FIVE: 9/23
Fitzpatrick, Sheila. *Everyday Stalinism: Ordinary Life in Extraordinary Times*.

WEEK SIX: 9/30
Getty, J. Arch. *The Road to Terror: Stalin and the Self-Destruction of the Bolsheviks, 1932-1939* (updated and abridged edition).

WEEK SEVEN: 10/7
Figes, Orlando. *The Whisperers: Private Life in Stalin's Russia.*

WEEK EIGHT: 10/14.
Applebaum, Anne. *Gulag: A History.*

WEEK NINE: 10/21
Overy, Richard. *Russia's War: A History of the Soviet War Effort: 1941-1945*.

WEEK TEN: 10/28

Merridale, Catherine. *Ivan's War: Life and Death in the Red Army, 1939-1945.*

WEEK ELEVEN: 11/4

Gorlizki, Yoram and Oleg Khlevniuk. *Cold Peace: Stalin and the Soviet Ruling Circle, 1945-1953.*

WEEK TWELVE: 11/11

Zubkova, Elena. *Russia after the War: Hopes, Illusions, and Disappointment, 1945-1957.*

WEEK THIRTEEN: 11/18

ASSOCIATION FOR SLAVIC, EAST EUROPEAN AND EURASIAN STUDIES CONVENTION – NO CLASS

WEEK FOURTEEN: 11/25

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY – NO CLASS

WEEK FIFTEEN: 12/2

Zubok, Vladislav. *Zhivago's Children: The Last Russian Intelligentsia.*