



The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

STALINISM IN RUSSIA 1929-1941: POLITICS & SOCIE - 39266

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: History

Academic year: 2

Semester: 2nd Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:

The course analyzes one of the most important period in Soviet history - The period of Stalin's dictatorship, which is also known as "Stalinism".

Stalin became a dictator around 1928-1929 and remained USSR's unchallenged leader until his death in 1953.

This course will focus on the development of Stalinist regime between 1928/9 and 1941, the year of the German invasion of USSR. The course focuses on such aspects of Stalinism as collectivization, industrialization, terror, and purges, as well as social and cultural trend of the period.

Course/Module aims:

Understanding of Stalinism as a political, socio-economic, and cultural phenomenon.

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

In this course students will acquire tools to analyze one of the most important phase in Soviet history.

Attendance requirements(%):

100%

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Frontal teaching and class discussion

Course/Module Content:

- 1) Russia: Modernization and Revolution, 1860-1917
- 2) Stalin before Stalinism
- 3) Civil War
- 4) NEP - New Economic Policy
- 5) Revolution from Above

6)Famine and "Great Terror"

7) GULAG

8)Nationalities Problem

9) Everyday Life

10) Culture

11) Interpretations of Stalinism

Required Reading:

1) *Russia: Modernization and Revolution, 1860-1917*
ס.א. סמית, המהפכה הרוסית, עמודים 15-53

2) *Stalin before Stalinism*
Hiroaki Kuromiya, *Stalin*, pp. 1-49.

3) *Civil War*
ס.א. סמית, המהפכה הרוסית, עמודים 54-119

4) *NEP - New Economic Policy*
ס.א. סמית, המהפכה הרוסית, עמודים 120-183
Kuromiya, *Stalin*, pp. 50-73.
Vladimir I. Lenin, "On Cooperation;" "Letter to the Congress," in *The Lenin Anthology*, pp. 707-713, 725-728.

5) *Revolution from Above*
Fitzpatrick, *The Russian Revolution*, 2nd ed., pp. 120-147.
Kuromiya, *Stalin*, pp. 74-101.
Paul Gregory, *The Political Economy of Stalinism*, pp. 22-48.
Moshe Lewin, "State, Society, and Ideology in the First Five-Year Plan," in Sheila Fitzpatrick, ed. *Cultural Revolution in Russia, 1928-1931*, pp. 41-77.
Sheila Fitzpatrick, "Cultural Revolution as Class War," in Sheila Fitzpatrick, *Cultural Front*, pp. 115-148.
Sheila Fitzpatrick, "Stalin and the Making of a New Elite," in Fitzpatrick, *Cultural Front*, pp. 149-182.

Joseph Stalin, "The Tasks of Business Executives," in *Joseph Stalin, Works*, vol. 13, pp. 31-44.

6)Femine and "Great Terror"

Kuromiya, *Stalin*, pp. 101-132.

R. W. Davies; M. B. Tauger; S. G. Wheatcroft, "Stalin, Grain Stocks and the Famine of 1932-1933," *Slavic Review*, vol. 54, no. 3. (Autumn 1995), pp. 642-657.

Michael Ellman, "The Role of Leadership Perceptions and of Intent in the Soviet Famine of 1931-1934," *Europe-Asia Studies*, vol. 57, no. 6 (September 2005), pp. 823-841.

J. Arch Getty, Gabor T. Rittersporn, and Viktor N. Zemskov, "Victims of the Soviet Penal System in the Pre-War Years: A First Approach on the Basis of Archival Evidence," *American Historical Review*, vol. 98, no. 4 (October 1993): 1017-1049.

Oleg Khlevnyuk, "Objectives of the Great Terror, 1937-1938," in David L. Hoffmann, ed., *Stalinism*, pp. 87-104.

7) GULAG

Paul Gregory, "An Introduction to the Economics of the GULAG," in Paul R. Gregory and Valery Lazarev, eds., *The Economics of Forced Labor: The Soviet Gulag*, pp. 1-21.

Oleg Khlevnyuk, "The Economy of the OGPU, NKVD, MVD of the USSR, 1930-1953," in Gregory and Lazarev, *The Economics of Forced Labor*, pp. 43-66.

8)Nationalities Problem

Yuri Slezkine, "The USSR as a Communal Apartment, or How a Socialist State Promoted Ethnic Particularism," in Sheila Fitzpatrick, ed., *Stalinism: New Directions*, pp. 313-347.

Terry Martin, "The Origins of Soviet Ethnic Cleansing," *Journal of Modern History*, vol. 70, no. 4 (December 1998), pp. 813-861.

9) Everyday Life

Sheila Fitzpatrick, *Everyday Stalinism*, pp. 40-66, 89-114.

10) Culture

Brooks, *Thank You, Comrade Stalin!*, pp. 106-125.

Sarah Davies, "Stalin as Patron of Cinema: Creating Soviet Mass Culture, 1932-1936," in Sarah Davies and James Harris, eds., *Stalin: A New History*, pp. 202-225.

11) Interpretations of Stalinism

Carl J. Friedrich and Zbigniew K. Brzezinski, *Totalitarian Dictatorship and Autocracy*, 2d ed., chapter 2.

Milovan Djilas, "The New Class," in Gale Stokes, ed., *From Stalinism to Pluralism*, 2nd ed., pp. 101-106.
Stephen F. Cohen, "Bolshevism and Stalinism," in *Rethinking the Soviet Experience*, chapter 2.

Additional Reading Material:

We be given according to needs.

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 0 %

Presentation 0 %

Participation in Tutorials 10 %

Project work 70 %

Assignments 0 %

Reports 20 %

Research project 0 %

Quizzes 0 %

Other 0 %

Additional information:

All reading materials are in the Moodle.