

The University of Texas at Tyler
Spring Semester 2022
HIST 5397 – Russia Since 1700
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Course Overview and Objectives:

In our readings and discussions, we will be examining the history of Russia from 1700 to the present, with particular emphases on politics, leadership and culture.

Course Requirements and Grading Policy:

Your grade will be based mainly on written reviews of the books we are reading. Each paper is worth 10% of your total grade (six reviews totaling 60%), a comprehensive essay will be worth 30% and finally 10% for attendance and participation. Papers should be roughly 4-6 pages in length and should address the book's thesis and how well it proves its case. The comprehensive essay will be a retrospective comparison of all seven books. Late papers will not be accepted unless there is official documentation of a family or medical emergency.

Final Withdrawal Date: TBA

Required Books:

James Cracraft, *The Revolution of Peter the Great* (Harvard)

Simon Dixon, *The Modernisation of Russia, 1676-1825* (Cambridge)

Hugh Seton-Watson, *The Russian Empire, 1801-1917* (Oxford)

Sean McMeekin, *The Russian Revolution* (Basic Books)

Alan Bullock, *Hitler and Stalin: Parallel Lives* (Vintage, 1993 edition)

John Keep, *The Last of the Empires: a History of the Soviet Union* (Oxford)

Angela Stent, *Putin's World* (Twelve Hachette Book Group)

Calendar of Meetings and Assignments:

Jan. 13	Introduction
Jan. 20	Discussion of Cracraft.
Jan. 27	Discussion of Dixon. First book review due.
Feb. 3	Discussion of Seton-Watson, Parts 1 and 2.
Feb. 10	Discussion of Seton-Watson, Parts 3 and 4.
Feb. 17	Discussion of Seton-Watson, Parts 5 and 6. Second book review due.
Feb. 24	No Meeting.
Mar. 3	Discussion of McMeekin. Third book review due.
Mar. 10	No Meeting – Spring Break.
Mar. 17	Discussion of Bullock, chapters 1-7.
Mar. 24	Discussion of Bullock, chapters 8-14.
Mar. 31	Discussion of Bullock, chapters 15-20. Fourth book review due.
April 7	No Meeting.
April 14	Discussion of Keep. Fifth book review due.
April 21	Discussion of Stent. Sixth book review due.
April 28	Comprehensive Essay Due. No meeting; email paper as pdf.

Additional University Policies

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Additional Syllabus Information

Important Covid-19 Information for Classrooms and Laboratories

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