

Harvard Ukrainian Summer Institute 2008

UKRN S-124 (32390)

Soviet Ukrainian History, 1914-1991 (4 units)

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Time: M., W. 3.15 to 6.15 pm

Place: Sever Hall, Room 306

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Course Description:

The course explores the history of Ukraine in the Soviet period, from its roots in World War I (1914-1918) through the formation of Soviet Ukraine during the revolution and the civil war (1917-1922) to the disintegration of the USSR and the formation of an independent Ukrainian state in 1991. The impact of the war-revolution-civil war period, as well as the experience of Stalinism, the *Holodomor* and WWII will be at the core of the course's first part. The second half of the course will subsequently deal with the attempts at reform and the final decay of the Soviet system, the special features these processes took in Ukraine, and the way Ukraine achieved independence and its legacy of the Soviet past.

Course Requirements:

A. Undergraduates

30% Midterm exam

50% Research essay: 12-15 pp.

20% Class participation

B. Graduate students

70% Research essay: 20-25 pp.

30% Class participation

Essays must be original and contain footnotes/endnotes and a bibliography.

The midterm exam will contain identifications, two short (6-8 lines) answers to two questions and a longer answer (20 to 30 lines) to your choice between two questions.

Essays are to be turned in no later than 4 pm on Thursday, August 6. A printed version should be left at the HURI secretariat, 34 Kirkland Street.

There will be two kinds of discussions:

1. The first kind will focus on the previous week's readings and will be held weekly during the first hour of the week's first class. These discussions will begin on the second week and will be based on the previous week's readings.
2. The second kind will focus on the sources assigned for each class, and will be held during the third hour of each class, starting from the second class.

Required Readings: Available at the Coop (also on reserve at HURI). For used copies, please check abebooks.com, bookfinder.com, bibliofind.com etc. **Course pack available.**

1. G. Hosking, *The First Socialist Society. A History of the Soviet Union from Within* (Cambridge, Ma, 1993);
2. P.R. Magocsi, *A History of Ukraine* (Toronto, Buffalo, London, 1996).
3. For most classes (see below) there will also be articles and chapters from other books, and selections of relevant sources, **available in a course pack.**

Class Schedule:

1. Introduction: The Russian Empire and Ukraine before 1914 (June 22)

Magocsi, *History of Ukraine*, pp. 406-66

2. War, Revolution, Civil War 1914-1922 (June 24)

Hosking, *The First Socialist Society*, pp. 35-92

Magocsi, *History of Ukraine*, pp. 468-511

I. Majstrenko, *Borot'bism* (New York, 1954), pp. 89-135 or M.A. Bulgakov, *The White Guard* (any edition)

3. The Nep and Ukrainization, 1922-1928 (June 29)

Hosking, *The First Socialist Society*, pp. 119-48

Magocsi, *History of Ukraine*, pp. 524-550, 572-582

J. Mace, *Communism and the Dilemmas of National Liberation* (Harvard University Press, 1983), pp. 86-119

T. Martin, *The Affirmative Action Empire* (Cornell University Press, 2001), pp. 75-98

I. Stalin, *Concerning the National Question in Yugoslavia* (March 30, 1925),

<http://www.marx2mao.com/Stalin/CNQY25.html>

4. Ukraine in Stalin's Great Offensive, 1929-1932 (July 1)

Hosking, *The First Socialist Society*, pp. 149-82

Magocsi, *History of Ukraine*, pp. 550-67

A. Graziosi, *The Great Soviet Peasant War, 1917-1933* (Harvard University Press, 1996), pp. 46-70

T. Martin, *The Affirmative Action Empire* (Cornell University Press, 2001), pp. 98-124

The Black Deeds of the Kremlin, A White Book, vol. 2 (Detroit, 1955), pp. 391-412

5. Holodomor, 1932-33 (July 6)

A. Graziosi, *The Soviet 1931-1933 Famines and the Ukrainian Holodomor: Is A New Interpretation Possible, and What Would Its Consequences Be?*, to be published in "Harvard Ukrainian Studies" (the text will be made available to students)

Martin, *Affirmative Action Empire*, pp. 273-308

Commission on the Ukrainian Famine, *Report to Congress* (Washington, 1988), pp. 397-429

6. The Great Terror in Ukraine, 1934-1938 (July 8)

Hosking, *The First Socialist Society*, pp. 183-226

Magocsi, *History of Ukraine*, pp. 567-71

Martin, *Affirmative Action Empire*, pp. 311-343

N.S. Khrushchev, *Memoirs* (The Pennsylvania State University Press, 2004), vol. 1, *1918-1945*, pp. 138-172 or pp. 172-206

7. World War II, 1939-1944 (July 13)

Hosking, *The First Socialist Society*, pp. 261-95

Magocsi, *History of Ukraine*, pp. 583-98, 611-37

K.C. Berkhoff, *Harvest of Despair* (Harvard University Press, 2004), pp. 59-113 or 114-186

T. Snyder, *The Reconstruction of Nations* (Yale University Press, 2003), pp. 154-178

D. Shumuk, *Life Sentence* (Edmonton, 1984), pp. 57-107

8. Midterm Exam (July 15)**9. Ukraine after the War, 1944-1953** (July 20)

Hosking, *The First Socialist Society*, pp. 296-325

Magocsi, *History of Ukraine*, pp. 638-51

B. Krawchenko, *Social Change and National Consciousness in Twentieth-Century Ukraine* (London, 1985), pp. 171-202

Shumuk, *Life Sentence*, 206-47 or Khrushchev, *Memoirs*, vol. 2, 1945-1964, pp. 3-23

10. The Khrushchev Years, 1953-1964 (July 22)

Hosking, *The First Socialist Society*, pp. 326-62

Magocsi, *History of Ukraine*, pp. 652-65

Y. Bilinsky, *The Second Soviet Republic. The Ukraine after WWII* (Rutgers University Press, 1964), pp. 141-85 or 185-225

The relevant chapters in G.S.N. Luckyj, (ed). *Discordant Voices: The Non-Russian Soviet Literatures* (Oakville, Ont. 1975)

11. Ukraine in the Brezhnev era, 1964-1981 (July 27)

Hosking, *The First Socialist Society*, pp. 363-445

D.A. Leon *et al.*, "Huge Variation in Russian Mortality Rates 1984-1994: Artefact, Alcohol or What?," *The Lancet*, August 9 (1997) and V. Shkolnikov *et al.*, "Changes in Life Expectancy in Russia in the Mid-1990s," *The Lancet*, March 24 (2001) (students capable of reading French are warmly advised to consult F. Meslé, J. Vallin, *Mortalité et causes de décès en Ukraine au XXe siècle*, Paris, 2003)

R. Szporluk, *Russia, Ukraine and the Breakup of the Soviet Union* (Hoover Institution Press, 2000), pp. 277-98 or T. Kuzio, A. Wilson, *Ukraine: Perestroika to Independence* (London, 1994), pp. 42-62

I. Dziuba, *Russification or Internationalism?* (London, 1968)

12. The USSR Crisis and Ukraine Independence (July 29)

Hosking, *The First Socialist Society*, pp. 446-501

Kuzio, Wilson, *Ukraine: Perestroika to Independence*, pp. 63-121 or 122-202

K.P. Morozov, *Above and Beyond* (Harvard University Press, 2000), pp. 73-132