HIST 72600-01
Socialism and Communism: Ideas, Movements, States
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Wednesday, 2:00-4:00 PM

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Course Description
Socialism and Communism developed into the largest international movements of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. They offered profound critiques of capitalism and the promise of freedom to men and women no matter what their nationality or race. Yet as they achieved power, socialists moderated their emancipatory drive and communists constructed oppressive dictatorships. This course, global in scope, will examine all aspects of socialism and communism in the modern world. We will engage the intellectual history of socialism and communism, starting with the utopian socialists and continuing through Marx and Engels and on to later theorists, and the social history of the movements created largely by activist workers and radical intellectuals. As we move into the twentieth century, we will explore the problems of governance as socialists and communists achieved power – with both humane and deeply repressive consequences.

Learning Objectives
• Develop a critical understanding of the history of socialism and communism.
• Become familiar with the extensive historiography on the topics.
• Develop your ability to write in a variety of genres: research papers, brief critical commentaries, op-ed's.
• Enhance your ability to frame and defend historical arguments.
• Develop your knowledge of particular historical cases in the modern world.
• Enhance your ability to read, speak, and write critically.

Course requirements
• Active participation in class (30%).
• Write brief (ca. 200 words) commentaries and questions on the weekly readings. Commentaries should be posted on Blackboard by 10:00 AM the day of the class (20%).
• Write a book review (3-5 pages, double-spaced) (10%)
• Write an op-ed (ca. 250 words) (10%).
• Write a research paper (ca. 20 pages) on a topic of your choice related to the theme of the course (30%).
• Choose one or two class sessions to introduce the topic and readings (included in class participation).
Class Schedule
* = on Blackboard
≠ = electronic resource from Library
Most of the books noted below are on reserve in the library. However, you should definitely have your own copy of *The Marx-Engels Reader*, as well as some of the other books we will discuss frequently.

8/29  Introduction
Origins and Futures
Babeuf, Doctrine
   http://chnm.gmu.edu/revolution/d/459/
Eley, *Forging Democracy*, 3-12
Gourevitch, "What Does the Future of Socialism Look Like?"
*Wolff, "Future of Socialism," 1421-28

9/12  Utopian Socialism
Priestland, *Red Flag*, xv-xxvii, 1-43
Taylor, *Eve and the New Jerusalem*
Cabet, *Voyage to Icaria* (excerpts)
   https://www.marxists.org/subject/utopian/cabet/icarus.htm
*Tristan, "To Working Men and Working Women"
*Saint-Simonians, "Loving and Productive Society"
Fourier, "On the Role of Passions"
   https://www.marxists.org/reference/archive/fourier/works/ch01.htm
Fourier, "Phalanstery"
   https://www.marxists.org/reference/archive/fourier/works/ch27.htm

9/26  Marx and Engels: The Beginnings
*Marx-Engels Reader*, 53-125, 143-46, 203-17

10/3  Marx and Engels: The Developed Critique of Capitalism
*Marx-Engels Reader*, 294-442 594-618

10/10 Building the Socialist Movement in the Nineteenth Century
Research paper topic and initial bibliography due
Eley, *Forging Democracy*, 13-118
Priestland, *Red Flag*, 43-60
Maynes, *Taking the Hard Road*, 153-86
Hobsbawm, *Workers*, 176-214
Przeworski, *Capitalism and Social Democracy*, 1-97
Luxemburg, "The Nation-State and the Proletariat"
   https://www.marxists.org/archive/luxemburg/1909/national-question/ch02.htm
Luxemburg. "The Mass Strike, the Political Party, and the Trade Unions," skim
   https://www.marxists.org/archive/luxemburg/1906/mass-strike/
Zetkin, "Only in Conjunction with the Proletarian Woman Will Socialism be Victorious"
   https://www.marxists.org/archive/zetkin/1896/10/women.htm
Bernstein, *Evolutionary Socialism*, skim
10/17 The Russian Revolutions

Book review due
Priestland, Red Flag, 61-129
Eley, Forging Democracy, 123-64
Suny, "Toward a Social History of the October Revolution"
Suny, "Baku Commune"
Krylowa, "Bolshevik Feminism"
Lenin, What Is To Be Done? excerpt
http://sourcebooks.fordham.edu/Halsall/mod/1902lenin.asp
"Declaration of the Rights of Toiling and Exploited Peoples"
http://community.dur.ac.uk/a.k.harrington/decright.html
Lenin, "Decree on the Cheka"
http://community.dur.ac.uk/a.k.harrington/cheka.html
*Stalin Congress of the Peoples of the East, "Manifesto"
*Stalin Congress of the Peoples of the East, "Appeal to the Workers of Europe"
Stalin, Marxism and the National Question, introduction and chapter 1
https://www.marxists.org/reference/archive/stalin/works/1913/03a.htm#s1

10/24 The Stalin Revolution and Beyond

Research paper thesis statement and refined bibliography due
Priestland, Red Flag, 132-211
Eley, Forging Democracy, 249-60
Fitzpatrick, Everyday Stalinism
Stalin, "Industrialization of the Country"
http://sourcebooks.fordham.edu/Halsall/mod/1928stalin.asp
Stalin, "Dizzy with Success"
http://community.dur.ac.uk/a.k.harrington/dizzy.html

10/31 Other Communisms

Book review due
Kelly, Hammer and Hoe
Weitz, "German Communism"
Weitz, Creating German Communism, 188-279
Gramsci, Workers' Democracy
https://www.marxists.org/archive/gramsci/1919/06/workers-democracy.htm
Gramsci, Turin Factory Council Movement
https://www.marxists.org/archive/gramsci/1921/03/turin_councils.htm
*Gramsci, Prison Notebooks, excerpts

11/7 Social Democracy
Sassoon, One Hundred Years of Socialism, 60-73, 137-66, 189-240
Eley, Forging Democracy, 311-30
Esping-Andersen, Politics against Markets, v-xx, 3-113
Przeworski, *Capitalism and Social Democracy*, 205-21, 239-48

11/14 **Mao and the Chinese Revolution**
Priestland, *Red Flag*, 234-72
Meisner, *Mao Zedong*

11/21 **Cuba and the Latin American Left**

11/28 **New Lefts**
Eley, *Forging Democracy*, 341-428
Sassoon, *One Hundred Years of Socialism*, 357-440
*Evans, "Women's Liberation"
≠"Forum: The International 1968, Part I"
AHR 114:1 (February 2009)
≠"Forum: The International 1968, Part II"
AHR 114:2 (April 2009)
≠"Reflections: 1968"
AHR 123:3 (June 2018)
Thompson, "Outside the Whale"
"Port Huron Statement"
http://www2.iath.virginia.edu/sixties/HTML_docs/Resources/Primary/Manifestos/SDS_Port_Huron.html
"Redstockings Manifesto"
https://www.redstockings.org/index.php/rs-manifesto
Willis, "Consumerism and Women"

12/5 **The Postwar Social Democratic Model**
Eley, *Forging Democracy*, 299-328
Sassoon, *One Hundred Years of Socialism*, 469-533
Esping-Andersen, *Politics against Markets*, 114-324
Svensson and Gunnarsson, "Gender Equality in the Swedish Welfare State"
http://journals.kent.ac.uk/index.php/feministsatlaw/article/view/51/160

12/12 **The End of Communism and Socialism?**
Priestland, *Red Flag*, 403-575
Eley, *Forging Democracy*, 429-504
Sassoon, *One Hundred Years of Socialism*, 647-90, 755-77
Lavelle, "Explanations for the Neo-Liberal Direction of Social Democracy"
Pautz, "The Modernisation of German Social Democracy"
Gordon, "Socialist Feminism"
http://newlaborforum.cuny.edu/2013/09/30/socialist-feminism-the-legacy-of-the-second-wave/

12/18 **Final papers due at 12:00 noon**

12/21 **Last day of semester**
Books and Articles

American Historical Review.


