HIST 2970
IMPERIAL RUSSIA
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MW 11:15-12:05 plus one discussion section

This course surveys the history of Imperial Russia, with an emphasis on the empire’s recurrent experience of revolutionary change in the political, socio-economic, and cultural spheres. Topics include such remodeling projects as Peter the Great’s westernization and Alexander II’s “Great Reforms”; military upheavals like 1812, nineteenth century imperialist warfare, the Revolution of 1905, World War I, and the Revolution of 1917; late, and therefore very rapid industrialization and urbanization; and the attempts by successive generations of rebels and revolutionaries to put their political theory into practice. A good deal of class readings will be drawn from Russia’s rich literary heritage.