This course will examine the history of nationalities policy, empire, and the development (and repression) of nations in Russian and Soviet history from 1800 to the end of the 20th century. We will review Russian imperialism, state policy toward non-Russian groups, and the formation of national identities from the Great Reforms through the aborted Revolution of 1905 to the overthrow of the Romanov monarchy. We will explore the formation of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics within the context of Revoution and Civil War and will then follow the evolution and contradictions of nationality policy up to the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991.

The course is aimed at advanced undergraduates with some background in Russian/Soviet or European history. There will be two short in-class tests and a final research paper (14-15pp.). In addition, each student will be responsible for helping to lead discussion section one week during the semester. Final grade will be based on general participation and leading discussion (30%), and the graded assignments (15% each for the two exams and 40% for the final paper). You will be asked to develop a prospectus for the final paper several weeks before you begin writing.

This is an upper-level research seminar, and you will be expected to have done the reading assignments and participate fully in the class discussion. Attendance is mandatory, and you must be on time, prepared, and courteous to everyone in the room. The participation portion of the grade will be adversely affected after two absences, except in extraordinary circumstances.

**Required Texts**
Andreas Kappeler, *The Russian Empire: A Multiethnic History.*
Leo Tolstoy, *Hadji Murad.*

**Course Pack**
Electronic Reserves (ER)

All required texts and the Course Pack are available at Orange & Blue Textbooks (309 NW 13th St.).

Students may wish to purchase the *Routledge Atlas of Russian History* as a reference for the discussions we will have. Those without a background in the fundamentals of Russian and Soviet history are encouraged to acquire *Russia: A Concise History* or a similar basic textbook. Both of these optional items are readily available at various online booksellers.
A significant percentage of the material for this course is available in the Course Pack, and a few other select items will be up on Electronic Reserves, as well as the Seventeen Moments in Soviet History website. You should always have all of the texts for a given week’s discussion with you in class for ready reference during our discussions.

General Policies
UF Students are expected to adhere to the standards of academic honesty – most of all, to avoid plagiarism and cheating. The Statement on Academic Honesty is available online at http://www.dso.ufl.edu/judicial/academic.php

Students requesting classroom accommodation must register with the Dean of Students office. The Dean of Students will provide documentation to the student who will then provide this to the instructor when requesting accommodation. Information online at http://www.dso.ufl.edu/drc

Readings and Assignment Schedule
[There may be some minor changes in the assigned readings each week, which would be announced in advance.]

Week One
  Jan 6th – Introduction

Week Two
  Jan 13th – Nations and Nationalism
  Readings: Gellner, “What is a Nation?” (CP); Hobsbawm, Nations and Nationalism since 1780, 1-45 (CP); Anderson, from Imagined Communities (CP); Hroch, “From National Movement to the Fully-Formed Nation: The Nation-Building Process in Europe” (CP).

Week Three
  Jan 20th – The Making of the Russian Empire. Russia as Empire and Nation.
  Readings: Kappeler, 21-167; Raeff, “Patterns of Russian Imperial Policy Toward the Nationalities” (CP); Becker, “Russia and the Concept of Empire” (CP); Lieven, “The Russian Empire and the Soviet Union as Imperial Polities” (CP).
  Primary Sources: Prokudin-Gorskii Photographs (ER); “The Gorchakov Circular on Russia’s Mission in Central Asia, 1864” (ER); Prince Ukhtomskii, “Russia's Imperial Destiny,” 1891 (ER).

Week Four
  Jan 27th – Russians and Non-Russians in the Late Imperial Period.
  Primary Source: Mixed Marriages in the Russian Empire (ER).
Week Five
Feb 3rd – Russia’s Western Borderlands and the Jewish Question
Readings: Weeks, “National Awakenings” (from Nation and State in Late Imperial Russia) (CP); Thaden, Russification in the Baltic Provinces and Finland, 33-75 (CP); Gitelman, A Century of Ambivalence, 1-58 (CP).
Primary Source: Mary Antin, “A Little Jewish Girl in the Russian Pale,” 1890 (ER).

Week Six
Feb 10th – Russia’s Orient: Islam, The Caucasus, and Central Asia
Readings: Kappeler, 168-212; Tolstoy, Hadji Murad.
Read two of the following three: Crews, “Empire and the Confessional State: Islam and Religious Politics in Nineteenth-Century Russia” (CP); Jersild, “From Savagery to Citizenship: Caucasian Mountaineers and Muslims in the Russian Empire” (CP); and/or Suny, The Making of the Georgian Nation, 113-43 (CP).
Primary Source: Lindon Bates, Jr., “In a Tartar Tent,” c. 1909 (ER).

Week Seven
Feb 17th – From Revolution to Revolution, 1905-1917.
FIRST IN-CLASS EXAM on Feb 17th.

Week Eight
Feb 24th –Marxism and Nationalism. The Revolution and Civil War.
Primary Sources: Lenin, “Critical Remarks on the National Question” (CP); Stalin, “Marxism and the National Question” (CP); Mustafa Chokaev, “The National Movement in Central Asia,” 1917 (ER); Proclamations of Ukrainian Independence (CP).
Selections from Seventeen Moments in Soviet History website.

Week Nine
Primary Sources: “Stalin on the Nationality Question and Self-Determination (January 1918)” (CP); “Lenin on Nationality Policy” and “The Formation of the USSR,” in Robert Daniels, A Documentary History of Communism in the USSR (CP).
Selections from Seventeen Moments in Soviet History website.
SPRING BREAK

Week Ten
Mar 17\textsuperscript{th} – Ethnic & National Identity in the Soviet Union. Turkmenistan as Case Study.


Primary Source: “The New Nationalism: For the Fatherland!” in Daniels, A Documentary History, pp.193-95 (CP).

Selections from Seventeen Moments in Soviet History website.

[Note: We will begin our discussion of the final research paper this week]

Week Eleven
Mar 24\textsuperscript{th} – Ethnic Cleansing. The Second World War and After.


Primary Sources: “State Defense Committee Decree: On the Crimean Tatars” (ER); “Wartime Defections: The Vlasov Movement (1944),” in Daniels, A Documentary History (CP).

Selections from Seventeen Moments in Soviet History website.

Week Twelve
Mar 31\textsuperscript{st} – Nationalities under Khrushchev and Brezhnev


Readings: Simon, “De-Stalinization” (from Nationalism and Policy Toward the Nationalities in the Soviet Union) (CP); Fowkes, “The Corporatist Compromise” (from The Disintegration of the Soviet Union) (CP).

Primary Sources: “Soviet Jews and the Emigration Issue,” in Daniels, A Documentary History (CP); “Absorption of the National Minorities: ‘We are the Soviet People’ (1982),” in Daniels, A Documentary History (CP).

Selections from Seventeen Moments in Soviet History website.

SECOND IN-CLASS EXAM on Mar 31\textsuperscript{st}. 

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Week Thirteen
Apr 7th– Gorbachev, the Unleashing of Nations, and the Fall of the Soviet Empire
Primary Sources: Gorbachev, “Report of the General Secretary of the Central Committee of the CPSU at the 19th All-Union Conference of the CPSU (1988)” (CP); “The Program of the CPSU (1986)” (CP); “Cracks in the Union (1990-91),” in Daniels, *A Documentary History*, pp.373-77 (CP).
Selections from *Seventeen Moments in Soviet History* website.

Week Fourteen
Apr 14th – Film: *Prisoner of the Mountains*.
Final Paper Consultations.
FINAL PAPER PROSPECTUS due Apr 14th.

Week Fifteen
Apr 21st – Conclusions
Readings: Simonsen, “Inheriting the Soviet Policy Toolbox: Russia’s Dilemma over Ascriptive Nationality” (CP); Kotkin, “Trashcanistan: A Tour Through the Wreckage of the Soviet Empire” (CP).

FINAL PAPER due Apr 28th