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D308 Empire of the Tsars

Tu/Th 11:30-12:45pm, Cedar Hall, C102

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Learn about one of the largest empires and its history in the "long" nineteenth century to understand a role of imperial legacy in the current Russian politics. We will examine Russia's foreign policy from the Napoleonic wars to the World War One, studying the Crimean war, the conquest of the Caucasus and Central Asia, and how the Russian empire ruled by the Tsars became a "Gendarme of Europe" but collapsed in 1917.

Can you compare Russian serfdom with American slavery?

We will learn how the Great Reforms changed the society, about the revolutionary movement in Russia and the origins of terrorism, daily life of the Russian nobility and peasants, a "woman question" and intellectual debates about socialism and Russia's role in the world.