

LITERATURE, POLITICS, AND TRADITION AFTER STALIN
RUSSIAN G4039
MONDAY: 6:10 – 8:00 PM
ROOM 1101 IAB
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COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

50% Paper
30% Final Exam
20% Class Participation

Students who do the reading in English are requested to use editions below and to bring books with them to class (unless this represents a financial hardship). Students who know Russian are expected to do as much of the reading as possible in the original. Please consult the instructor if you have difficulties finding Russian language copies of the assigned works. All books on the syllabus are on reserve at Butler Library. The following books are available at Labyrinth for purchase:

Boris Akunin, *The Winter Queen* (Random House, 2003)
Andrei Bitov, *Pushkin House* (Dalkey Archive Press, 1998)
Venedikt Erofeev, *Moscow to the End of the Line* (Northwestern UP, 1994)
Vladimir Nabokov, *Lolita* (Vintage, 1989)
Boris Pasternak, *Doctor Zhivago* (Pantheon Books, 1997)
Victor Pelevin, *Buddha's Little Finger* (Penguin 2001)
Andrei Sinyavsky, *Strolls with Pushkin* (Yale University Press, 2000)
Alexander Solzhenitsyn, *One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich* (Bantam, 1984)
Vladimir Voinovich, *The Fur Hat* (Harvest Books, 1991)
Vladimir Voinovich, *Moscow 2042* (Harvest Books, 1990)

COURSE OUTLINE

January 26 Introduction
T.S. Eliot, "Tradition and the Individual Talent"
Harold Bloom, "Introduction" to *The Anxiety of Influence*

February 2 Pasternak
Doctor Zhivago

- February 9** **Pasternak Cont'd**
Doctor Zhivago Cont'd
- February 16** **Nabokov**
Lolita
- February 23** **Nabokov Cont'd**
Lolita Cont'd
- March 1** **Solzhenitsyn**
One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich
"Matryona's House"
The Gulag Archipelago (excerpt)
- March 8** **Erofeev**
Moscow to the End of the Line
- March 22** **Sinyavsky**
"What is Socialist Realism"
"The Icicle"
Strolls With Pushkin
- March 29** **Bitov**
Pushkin House
- April 5** **Bitov Cont'd**
Pushkin House Cont'd
"Pushkin's Photograph"
- April 12** **Voinovich**
Moscow 2042
The Fur Hat
- April 19** **Tolstaya**
"Limpopo"
"Sleepwalker in a Fog"
- April 26** **Pelevin**
Buddha's Little Finger
- May 5** **B. Akunin**
The Winter Queen