



LIFELONG LEARNING MISSISSAUGA

RUSSIA: *From Ivan the Terrible to Putin*

Tuesdays, October 14 to December 9 (no lecture November 25), 10:00 am to 12:00 noon

1500 Gulleden Drive, Mississauga, ON, L4X 2T7

Oct 14 Ivan IV

Ivan Grozny means awesome, denoting majesty, but Ivan comes down to us as “terrible,” and he was both great and terrible. His reign saw the consolidation of Russia from the Caspian to the White Sea, and the opening of diplomatic ties to Europe, the creation of a national church and the opening of trade with western Europe.

Oct 21 Peter I

Fascinated by progress, the West, and absolute power, Peter built St. Petersburg, destroyed the Swedish empire, reorganized the Russian army and founded the Russian navy. He is credited, much more than Ivan, with turning Russia’s face to the west. A man of violent contradictions, virtues and vices, he comes down to us as Peter the Great.

Oct 28 Catherine the Great

She was a usurper, a petty German princess who scandalized Europe, ruling as an autocrat while professing devotion to the Enlightenment. She made French the language of aristocratic Russia, and extended Russia’s borders to the Crimea and Caucasus, Ukraine and Poland. Voltaire tagged her “the Great” and she left a legacy of great buildings, an unrivalled art collection and an aura which continues to fascinate.

Nov 4 Russian Music: A Search for Identity

Catherine brought western art and music to Russia, and after her, Russia searched for its own distinctive voice.

Nov 11 1917: Two Revolutions

One of the great “ifs” of history. The failure of the spring revolution which overthrew the tsarist regime, made possible the October revolution which brought Lenin and the Bolsheviks to power.

Nov 18 Lenin

Despite the ultimate failure of his communist revolution, Lenin still lies in his tomb in Red Square in Moscow, and the Russians are still divided over whether he should remain there.

Dec 2 Stalin

His Five Year Plans took Russia into the 20th C. Stalin led his people through the Great Patriotic War and the Cold War as leader of the first truly totalitarian state. If anyone should be called *grozny*, it is Stalin, the greatest murderer in history.

Dec 9 *Perestroika*

From Gorbachov, *glasnost* and the end of the Soviet Union, to Putin. Is the “new” Russia a return to the old?

Course Director: Dr. Helen Hatton University of Toronto

Registration Fee: \$40.00 per person/per series

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