

RUSS 440: Russia and Its Others.



FALL 2024 - T/TH: 11:30-1:00.
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The course will take an in-depth historical approach to cultural construction of Russian national identity and to the concept of the Other as a condition of self-representation. We will discuss the multiple Others produced by Russian nationalist discourse: East, West, Caucasus, America, most recently Ukraine, and a number of Internal Others (class enemies, dissidents, ethnic and sexual minorities, etc.). The course will also introduce students to theoretical tools for approaching issues of national identity, alterity, (post)colonialism, the gaze, exoticism, and orientalism.