

From the 1917 Revolution to the Stalinist Revolution

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Introduction:

- Looking back, briefly to 1917
- An overview of today's lecture

Part I:

Revolutionary Russia Between 1917 and 1921

- Early decrees: the *Cheka*; and Church and State
- Civil War, 1917-1921 (the challenge an independent Ukraine faced)
- The Onset of War Communism
- Bolshevik victory, but at the cost of famine, typhus, and the Kronstadt Rebellion

Part II (Revolution on hold):

The New Economic Policy (NEP) 1921-1928

- Lenin permits small-scale capitalism, and an independent peasantry
- Lenin's sudden decline, and the rise of Stalin (bye, bye Trotsky)
- The mystery of Lenin's *Last Testament*.
- Winners and Losers in NEP

Part III: Revolution Now: the Stalinist Whirlwind, 1928-1941

a: Working with no bureaucracy, but 25,000 "Stalins"

- Collectivization and the end of an independent peasantry (Ukraine)
- Mega-industrialization
- War on Bourgeois Culture

b: Moscow (and Stalin) Re-asserts control in the shadow of Hitler (and Trotsky)

- The Kirov Assassination, 1 December 1934
- The Great Purges, 1936-1938
- Epilogue: Kotkin's "Speaking Bolshevik" and Hellbeck's "Revolution on my Mind"

Possible Further Reading:

Chapaev (Highly popular Soviet film available online).

Ginzburg, Evgenia, **Journey into the Whirlwind**

Hellbeck, Jochen. **Revolution on my Mind: Writing a Diary under Stalin**

Kotkin, Stephen, multi-volume biography of **Stalin**