Collections of Note

- **Prague Spring 68 [Microfiche Collection]** - International & Area Studies MFICHE 943.7043 P885
  
  This collection contains dailies and periodicals in microfiche format, and covering the period ranging from early 1967 to 1969. It consists of 50 titles and covers all aspects of social life of Czechoslovakia and chronicles the events leading up to the Soviet invasion. It is a veritable treasure trove for sociologists, historians, and political scientists.

- **Jewish theater under Stalinism: Moscow State Jewish Theater [GOSET] and Moscow State Jewish and Moscow State Jewish Theater School [MGETU]. 1916-1950 [Microfilm Collection]** ~86 reels. - History, Philosophy & Newspaper FILM 792.094731 J556
  
  This microfilm collection includes the archives of Moscow State Jewish Theater and the archive of the Theatrical School of the State Jewish Theater. It is based on the holdings of the Russian State Archive of Literature and Arts. It contains materials that describe the history of the Jewish theater and Jewish avant-garde art in the Soviet Union, and the Kremlin's policy toward Jewish society and culture from 1916 until the early 1950s. This microfilm collection contains unique archival materials such as correspondence with ministries, state organizations, manuscripts/drafts, texts of plays, notes (with comments of censors), directors' notes and personal archives of literary figures. [Finding Aid is available online](http://example.com).

  At University of Illinois Library, researchers can use research technologies (ScanPro microfiche/microfilm dual scanners) and convert any part of this archival collection into searchable files, providing students and seasoned scholars alike with unrestricted access to this unique collections which is in Yiddish, Hebrew, Russian, English, French, and other European languages.

- **Turkestanskii Sbornik [Digital version, 594-volume, 220,000-pages]** [Online: http://quest.grainger.uiuc.edu/Turkestan/]

  *What is Turkestanskii Sbornik?* [Note: a *sbornik* is a Russian term for a collection (of stories, articles, etc.)]

  At the invitation of K. P. von Kaufman, the first Russian Governor-General of Turkestan (which encompassed modern Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan), the great Russian bibliographer V. I. Mezhov embarked on a characteristically for him, extremely ambitious project to collect all possible published information about the new Russian possession in Central Asia and neighboring areas (i.e., Uighurstan/Xinjiang and Mongolia). This collection of books and articles extracted from journals and newspapers eventually (since the compilation of the *Sbornik* continued after Mezhov's death all the way to 1917) amounted to over 22,000 pages of material in Russian, English, French, German and other languages. The collection is housed in the form of 594 bound volumes in the Rare Books Department of the National Library of Uzbekistan.

  Apart from the a copy at the Russian National Library in St. Petersburg that was partially damaged in World War II, this massive collection has never before been available outside of Uzbekistan's capital, Tashkent. University of Illinois Library and the Slavic-Eurasian Research Center in Japan are currently the only ones with a digital version of this monumental collection of materials.

- **Digitized Retrospective National Bibliography of Uzbekistan** [Available Online through University of Illinois]

  These complete runs of Uzbekistan's two major national bibliographic publications contain hundreds of thousands of bibliographic entries, reflecting over 90 years of Uzbek publishing (1917-2009) and spanning approximately 140,000 pages. Outside of Uzbekistan, this unique collection is only available at University of Illinois Library. Researchers can examine the intellectual history of Uzbekistan and download relevant issues obtaining accurate bibliographic citations for further research, which would otherwise be difficult and time-consuming to track.
More Useful Collections

- **Archives of the Soviet Communist Party [microform] : opisi = finding aids.** - Slavic FILM 324.247075 AR25

"A collection of finding aids and records documenting the activities of the Soviet State and Communist Party from 1917 until 1991. Microfilmed from the holdings of the Centre for the Preservation of Contemporary Documentation (TsKhSD), Russian Centre for the Preservation and Study of Documents of Most Recent History (RTsKhIDNI), and the State Archives of the Russian Federation (GARF)"--The Library of Congress Guide to the Microform Collections in the Humanities and Social Sciences Division, online version.

- **Anti-Soviet newspapers, 1918-1922** - FILM 077 An87

The Microfilm reads Rossiĭskai︠a︡ nat︠s︡ ionalʹnai︠a︡ biblioteka. Originals are held in the Russian National Library. St Petersburg. The guide is in the form of a title list, consisting of 27 pages, and is searchable by title, series title, and number.

- **Birobidzhan [Available Online—www.brill.com/birobidzhan]**

This collection is held by the Yivo library and Archives. It is a unique collection of printed and archival materials about the Jewish Autonomous region in the former Soviet Union commonly known as Birobidzhan, the region’s capital city. Birobidzhan includes periodicals, books, and pamphlets from the Soviet Union and abroad, archival materials of the pro-Soviet organizations “ICOR” and “Ambjan,” archival materials from Birobidzhan and other parts of the former Soviet Union, art albums, posters, slides, and videos. This collection has 942 fiches.

- **Eighteenth century Russian publications on microfilm [microform]** - History, Philosophy & Newspaper FILM 947 Ei44

- **Gubernatorial reports of Russian Imperial Governors, 1855-1864 [microform]** - Slavic MFICHE 947.081 R92g

This collection contains a selection of Russian Imperial gubernatorial annual reports from twelve of the provincial governors covering 1855-1864. Documents cover economic changes, political events, popular disturbances, and actions of provincial administrations.

- **The GULAG press, 1920-1937 [microform]** - Slavic MFICHE 077 G95

This Russian language collection contains news bulletins, posters, literary journals, albums, and booklets from the GULAG press covering the years of 1920-1937.

- **History of women - microfilm format, and online format** - History, Philosophy & Newspaper FILM 301.4242H628

This collection contains books, pamphlets, periodicals, manuscripts, and photographs that cover literature about women published prior to 1920.

- **Jewish pogroms in Ukraine, 1918-1921 [microform] : documents of Kiev District Commission for Relief to Victims of Pogroms** - History, Philosophy & Newspaper FILM 947.7004924 Ev72

"From the holdings of the State Archive of Kiev Oblast, Kiev, Ukraine." -Introduction by Vladimir Danilenko. "This collection includes over 30,000 pages of never seen before correspondence, witness accounts, reports describing commissioners’ and committee activities, records of individual investigations, refugee and victim lists and statistics, communications with Western relief organizations and documents pertaining to Jewish emigration out of Ukraine"--Guide.

- **Jewish theater under Stalinism [microform]** - History, Philosophy & Newspaper FILM 792.094731 J556

This collection includes materials that describe the Jewish avant-grade art of the Soviet Union, and the Kremlin’s policies toward Jewish art and culture from 1919-1949.
This collection provides records of Menshevik faction’s policies, activities and publications covering 1903-1919.

This microform collection includes Russian periodicals from the late 19th and early 20th century. Check out a guide to the collection here.

This collection was created in collaboration with the Solidarity Bibliographic Center of Harvard, and is hailed as LOC as an important collection of independent publications from Poland. [Note: Polish independent publications, 1976-1990 : guide to the collection in the Hoover Institution Archives - 016.9438 H769p]

This collection is a catalog of literatures in languages other than Russian, from the National Library of Russia. It is a large, non-circulating microform collection which has many holdings locations. However, the majority of the collection resides in the International and Area Studies Library in the microform room.

This collection provides a selection of Russia’s student press, covering its more radical far right and left publications. The collection is divided into sections which address issues of provincial and capital worlds, politics in the academy, World War I, particular groups, questionnaires and surveys, and critical collections.

This collection from the Russian State Military History Archive follows the military and civilian history of the war. The collection contains descriptions of battles, correspondence regarding tactics, intelligence reports, military journals and logs, prison reports, army orders, memoranda from Russian military commanders, and more.

This collection has been hailed as “the greatest single source for the study of women’s history in the world.”

This collection contains brochures, pamphlets, maps, media coverage, leaflets, posters, first hand accounts and testimonies, in multiple different languages. The guide, Yugoslav civil wars : printed material, transcripts, and ephemera from the British Library : guide to the microfilm edition, is held in our library, the History Philosophy & Newspaper library, and is available online via ProQuest.
Yugoslav statistics 1834-1919 [microform] - History, Philosophy & Newspaper FILM 314.97 Y925

"Yugoslav statistics 1834-1919, brings together 323 annuals, serials, censuses and other publications for Croatia, Serbia, Montenegro and Bosnia published between 1834 and 1919 ... from the holdings of 12 institutions in Yugoslavia, Austria, the USA and Britain."--Publisher's note. The guide to the collection is on reel 1 of the microfilm.

Peasants under Stalinism, 1938-1939 [microform] : mentality and way of life / RGAE - History, Philosophy & Newspaper FILM 305.56330947 P32

The collection contains letters sent by peasants to the Krest'ianskaia gazeta, that were never published due to their negative content. This collection reveals the ideas and opinions of some peasants that lived and worked under Stalinism.


This collection documents the formerly concealed tragedy of the famine that took the lives of many in Ukraine from 1932-1933. Documents include resolutions, directives, telegrams of the Central Committee, official and private appeals to party committees, memoranda reports, and civilian letters. Text of the materials are in Ukrainian and Russian, and Reel 1 of the film offers a guide.

Useful Databases:

Russian Academy of Sciences Bibliographies [Available through EBSCO database]

Especially useful for Russian-language materials. Contains over 3,500,000 records and more than 14 million items for articles, books, manuscripts and dissertations in the humanities and social sciences published since 1980.

Central and Eastern European Online Library

This database offers over 2000 journals, over 41,000 archived issues, and more than 575,000 articles covering reference works, fine arts, law, literature, philosophy, social sciences, theology, economy, geography, library and information sciences, language and literature, politics, history, Jewish studies, and more.

Emerging Markets Information Service

This database provides the latest information on emerging global markets, with analysis data and reports browsable by country, as well as industrial reports and data browsable by industry.

Baltics, Belarus, Moldova, Ukraine (UDB-EUR)

Mostly in Russian, these important periodicals published in Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Ukraine, Moldova and Belarus cover both international and domestic issues.

Central Asia and Caucasus (UDB-CAC)

In English and Russian, this database notably offers access to AP-Blitz, Tajikistan News, The Times of Central Asia, Center for Economic Research in Tashkent publications, and more.

Newspapers of the North Caucasus, Abkhazia and South Ossetia (UDB-NCA)

Offering 19 Newspapers from the North Caucasus, the database includes Abkhazia and South Ossetia.

Russia/NIS Statistical Publications (UDB-STAT-RUS)

Russian statistical and CIS statistical publications, including Russia census 2002.
♦ **Russian Central Newspapers** (UDB-COM)

This database contains about 40 Russian central newspapers and magazines, covering domestic news and current events in Russian economic and cultural life.

♦ **Russian Governmental Publications** (UDB-GOV)

Predominantly focused on the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, the database includes stenographic records, vote results, resolution and legislation drafts, and more.

♦ **Russian Library and Information Sciences** (UDB-LIB)

This database offers full text access to professional librarian journals in the Russian language, addressing topics of librarianship, bibliographic issues, and information specialization.

♦ **Russian National Bibliography** (UDB-BIB)

This database provides access to the fully digitized Russian National Bibliography dating back to 1980. It is browsable by index, source type, and subject, and is offers a robust search function.

♦ **Russian Regional Newspapers** (UDB-REG)

This database offers newspapers from all seven Federal Districts of the Russian Federation, focusing on coverage of local issues.

♦ **Russian Social Sciences & Humanities** (UDB-EDU)

This database offers access to a searchable database of periodicals focused on social sciences and humanities. With over 31 journals and scholarly publications, the database is expanding.

♦ **Ukrainian Publications** (UDB-UKR)

This database provides access to 35 full-text Ukrainian periodicals covering politics, economics, and cultural affairs.

**Digital Archives**

♦ **Stalin Digital Archive** [Available through Eastview Database]

This collection contains significant new material relating to many aspects of Joseph Stalin’s political life. Of the entire Stalin Archive at RGASPI (Fond 558), consisting of approximately 40,000 documents, YUP has chosen to digitize the following documents to Stalin’s personal biography, his work in government, and his conduct of foreign affairs:

- Opis 1: documents written by Stalin from 1889-1952;
- Opis 2: documents written by Stalin from 1911-1944;
- Opis 3: over 300 books from Stalin’s personal library with his marginal notes;
- Opis 4: Stalin’s biographical materials;
- Opis 11: Stalin’s correspondence, as well as 188 maps with Stalin’s hand-written markings, covering 1917-1952.

♦ **The Current Digest of the Russian Press** (DA-CDRP)

Each week the Current Digest presents a selection of Russian-language press materials carefully translated into English. The translations are intended for research and are presented without commentary.

♦ **Donetsk and Luhansk Newspaper Collection** (DA-DNR)
This digital archive offers digital access to full text reviews of Russian and foreign films from the leading Russian journal of cinema critics.

This digital archive includes all articles and pages of the journal Izvestiia, to which East View has access.

This is a full text law database with access to Russian Legislation and commentary. Kodeks cites legislation from Moscow, St. Petersburg, republics, regions, and territories of the Russian Federation—international law, commentary and other materials.

With over 900 archival documents on the history of Russia from the 19th and 20th century, the digital archive offers full-text article-level searching.

This digital archive offers access to Krokodil, the satirical magazine published in the Soviet Union, continuously until 2008.

This digital archive offers complete archival documentation of the full run of Literaturnaia Gazeta. Note that the gap from 1942-1943 was due to the temporary halt in production of the gazeta.

This digital archive offers access to Pravada, the voice of Soviet communism and the Central Committee of the Communist Party from 1918-1991. Note, the gap between 1915-1916 was due to suspension of production of the periodical.

This digital archive offers access to memoirs, epistolary, literary and institutional documentary materials, which focus on cultural and political history of Russian nobility, as they appeared in the Russkii Arkhiv.

This digital archive offers access to the weekly newspaper that provides information about the attitudes towards art and culture in the Soviet Union. Other titles included: Rabochii i iskusstvo (1929-1930), Sovetskoie iskusstvo (1931-1941), Literatura i iskusstvo (1942-1944), Sovetskoie iskusstvo (1944-1952) and Sovetskaia kul’tura (1953-1991).

This digital archive provides access to Voprosy Istorii, one of the oldest scholarly history journals in Russia. Other titles included: Istorik-Marksist (Marxist Historian, 1926-1941), then Istoricheskii zhurnal (History Journal, 1937-1945) and finally under the present title (since 1945).

This digital database offers access to the newspaper Za vozvrashchenie na Rodinu (Return to Motherland), which was established in April 1955 in East Berlin as a biweekly publication, and ran until 1958. The database offers all issues under its original title, with a selection of issues from later publications.