Russian, East European, and Eurasian Collection Highlights
Summer Research Lab 2017

♦ **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: http://www.idc.nl/ead/466.xml
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/]
[Note: a sbornik is a Russian term for a collection (of stories, articles, etc.)]

*What is Turkestanskii Sbornik?*
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 [--in one location--> 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.
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.

Rossiiskaia national’naia biblioteka. Otdel literatury na national’nykh iasykakh—Catalogs. Begins with 016.94743 R736k

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.

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

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

The contents of the GULAG Press consist of news bulletins, posters, literary journals, albums and booklets, and other miscellanea. Efforts to compile the GULAG press in its entirety started coming to fruition in the late 1990s, after the Soviet Union had collapsed and access to the archives became less restricted. The primary purpose of much of this material was to propagandize, yet much of historical and cultural value can nonetheless be gleaned from it.

Russian history and culture: a microfiche collection of scarce books on 19th and early 20th century Russia from the Helsinki University Library : a cumulative index to units 1-20 - History, Philosophy & Newspaper Q. 016.947 R921

Russian intelligence files on Asia [microform] - History, Philosophy & Newspaper FILM 327.47 R9207

Russia’s student press, 1901-1917 [microform] - Slavic MFICHE 077 R923

Russo-Turkish War, 1877-1878 [microform] / from the holdings of the Russian State Military History Archive - History, Philosophy & Newspaper FILM 949.60387 R9218


This collection is based on holdings found in Radio Free Europe in Munich, and the Polish Library POSK in London. The contents offer up a wide range of opposition and dissident periodicals up to 1988, when many oppositional publications started to appear more openly. The earliest documents in the collection date from the 1970s and mostly pertain to K.O.R., the Committee for the Defense of the Workers. The documents also highlight the legal existence of the trade union Solidarność, as well as the period of martial law. Aside from periodicals and other serials, the collections also includes many other kinds of documents, such as bulletins and leaflets from various branches of Solidarność, academic and student groups, peasant organizations, clandestine political parties, as well as religious and cultural groups. Émigré journals are not included.

Menshevik newspapers & periodicals [microform] microfilm collection - History, Philosophy & Newspaper FILM 947.08 M528

The Gerritsen collection of women’s history, 1543-1945 : a bibliographic guide to the microform collection - 305.4 G3781guide [This collection is online]

Yugoslavia—peoples, states and society : guide to the microfilm collection : from the collection of the UCLA Library : introduction, indexes & reel guide to the microfilm collection - Slavic 015.497036 C677y

Newspapers from the Russian revolutionary era [microform] - History, Philosophy & Newspaper FILM 057.1 NE
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.

- **Baltics, Belarus, Moldova, Ukraine** (UDB-EUR)
- **Central Asia and Caucasus** (UDB-CAC)
- **Newspapers of the North Caucasus, Abkhazia and South Ossetia** (UDB-NCA)
- **Russia/NIS Statistical Publications** (UDB-STAT-RUS)
- **Russian Central Newspapers** (UDB-COM)
- **Russian Governmental Publications** (UDB-GOV)
- **Russian Library and Information Sciences** (UDB-LIB)
- **Russian National Bibliography** (UDB-BIB)
- **Russian Regional Newspapers** (UDB-REG)
- **Russian Social Sciences & Humanities** (UDB-EDU)
- **Ukrainian Publications** (UDB-UKR)

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. This Opis covers the period from 1917-1952

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

**Donetsk and Luhansk Newspaper Collection (DA-DNR)**

**Iskusstvo Kino Digital Archive (DA-IK)**

**Izvestia Digital Archive (DA-IZV)**

**Krasnyi Digital Archive (DA-KAR)**

**Krokodil Digital Archive (DA-KRO)**

**Literaturnaia Gazeta Digital Archive (DA-LG)**

**Pravda Digital Archive (DA-PRA)**

**Russkii Arkhiv Digital Archive (DA-RSA)**

**Sovetskaia Kul’tura Digital Archive (DA-SK)**

**Voprosy istorii Digital Archive (DA-VI)**

**Za vosvrashchenie na Rodinu (DA-ZVR)**

**Kodeks (KOD):** 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.

**Social Movements, Elections, Ephemera:** This is a collection of databases with materials from the Presidential and Parliamentary elections within the last 5-7 years from Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, Russia, South Ossetia, Tajikistan, and Ukraine. It also includes the database “Euromaiden Protests in Ukraine, 2013-2014 (EL-EMA).”

**Central and Eastern European Online Library (C.E.E.O.L.):** This is an online archive which provides access to full text PDF articles from 1,164 humanities and social science journals and re-digitized documents pertaining to Central, Eastern and South-Eastern European topics.