Research Guide for HIST 338: Communism in Idea and Practice
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Philippines -- History -- 1946-1986
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Soviet Union -- History -- Revolution, 1917-1921

Background Information / Reference Sources

*The Blackwell encyclopedia of the Russian Revolution* / Blackwell, 1988
Main Reference DK265.B54 1988 LIB USE ONLY

*Historical dictionary of Marxism* / Scarecrow Press, 2007
Main Reference HX17.W36 2007 LIB USE ONLY

*Encyclopedia of Eastern Europe: from the Congress of Vienna to the fall of communism* / Garland, 2000
Main Reference DJK6.E53 2000 LIB USE ONLY

Main Reference HN373.E63 2000 (6 volumes)

Main Reference D358.E45 2008 2 vols LIB USE ONLY

*Historical dictionary of modern China (1800-1949)* / Scarecrow Press, 2009
Main Reference DS755.G368 2009 LIB USE ONLY

Main Oversize AE5.B58 31 vols


*Historical dictionary of the People’s Republic of China* / Scarecrow Press, 2007
Main Reference DS777.55.S835 2007 LIB USE ONLY
Oxford Reference Online
http://www.oxfordreference.com/
Collected Oxford Reference Sources, great for contextual information; use bibliographies to identify important scholars and key secondary sources.

Cambridge Histories Online
http://universitypublishingonline.org/cambridge/histories/
ebooks; downloadable chapters; historical context/overview geared toward non-specialist
Cambridge History of Russia
Cambridge History of China

Journal Article Databases

Historical Abstracts articles in journals covering world history 15th cent. to present
American Bibliography of Slavic & East European Studies (ABSEES) articles on East-Central Europe, Russia, and the former Soviet Union
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JSTOR full-text articles in a subset of journals from all disciplines, generally excludes recent 3-5 years
Bibliography of Asian Studies – index to articles and essays from disciplines covering East Asian Studies
Worldwide Political Science Abstracts – major database of articles in politics journals
Academic Search Complete – multidisciplinary database of journals from all fields and popular sources

Selected Primary Source Resources in Print


Main Library 947.084L547.1960 45 vols


The Chinese cultural revolution; selected documents /York, Grove Press [1968]
Main Library 951.05 F212C

Selected readings in Chinese communist literature/ New Haven, Far Eastern Publications, Yale University, 1967.  Main EAsia/Afr Lit  PL1117.L52

Pravda (Moscow, Russia) Russian political newspaper associated with the Communist Party

Selected Primary Source Resources Online

FBIS Reports  (1941-1996)
The Foreign Broadcast Information Service (FBIS) is a federal agency that monitors and translates foreign media into English. FBIS Daily Reports are translated transcripts of foreign radio and television broadcasts, news agency transmissions, newspapers, periodicals, and government statements.

Digital National Security Archive (subscribed resource)  http://nsarchive.chadwyck.com
Searchable archives of declassified US Government documents. Collections of interest include:
- The Berlin Crisis, 1958–1962
- The Philippines: U.S. Policy During the Marcos Years, 1965–1986
- The United States and the Two Koreas, 1969-2000

EastView Universal Databases  http://dlib.eastview.com
Database of newspaper articles, primarily in Russian, but some in English. Also Contains Current Digest of the Soviet/Post-Soviet/Russian Press (1949-current)  and Current Digest of the Chinese Press (2011-current)

Europeana: Europe’s Digital Library  http://www.europeana.eu/portal/
Millions of digital objects: film, photos, paintings, sound recordings, maps, manuscripts, books, newspapers and archival papers; from already digitized resources available in Europe's museums, libraries and archives

Research guide to primary and secondary sources in European history  http://guides.lib.washington.edu/europe
A page with lots of links to digital collections of European history sources, created by a librarian at the University of Washington

Internet Modern History Sourcebook (Gateway Site)  http://www.fordham.edu/Halsall/mod/modsbook.asp
Selected sources available on the web.

Marxists Internet Archive  www.marxists.org
Online Library of texts by Marxist thinkers from all over the world, and from many different movements under the umbrella of Marxism

China: Culture and Society (1750-1929)
Pamphlet Collection, digital collections, Cornell University
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Inter-library loan; get full text of articles, books not available in OhioLINK, and any other material not available at Oberlin. Available in QuickLinks menu on library homepage.

** Summon** [http://oberlin.summon.serialssolutions.com/](http://oberlin.summon.serialssolutions.com/)
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