**Dr. Chayanika Uniyal**

**Academic Year- 2021-22 (Jan- April)**

**Total- Ten Weeks**

**DSE IV Semester VI**

**History of the USSR: The Soviet Experience (1945-1991)**

**I. World War II and the Cold War: Origins, major developments and Khrushchev’s foreign policy**

**(Three Weeks)**

**Suggested Readings:**

[**https://www.britannica.com/event/Cold-War**](https://www.britannica.com/event/Cold-War)

Haslam, Jonathan. Russia’s Cold War: from the October Revolution to the Fall of the Wall. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2011.

**II.** **The Khrushchev Era: De-Stalinization and Khrushchev’s industrial and agricultural reforms.**

**(Two Weeks)**

**Suggested Readings:**

<https://www.britannica.com/place/Russia/The-Khrushchev-era-1953-64>

McCauley, Martin, ed. Khrushchev and Khruschevism. Basingstoke and London: Palgrave Macmillan,1987.

Thompson, William J. Khrushchev: A Political Life. United Kingdom: Palgrave Macmillan, 1997.

**III. Conservatism and reform in the Soviet political system: from Brezhnev to Gorbachev; from reassertion of party dominance to perestroika and glasnost; impact on literature and culture**

**(One week)**

**Suggested Readings:**

Brown, Archie. The Gorbachev Factor. Oxford: Oxford University Press, Paperback 1997.

McCauley, Martin, ed. Soviet Union After Brezhnev. New York: Holmes & Meier publishers, 1983.

**IV. The economics and politics of the Cold War (1964-1991):**

* **Economic and social consequences for the Soviet system and Eastern Europe**
* **Glasnost, Perestroika, Nuclear weapons and Disarmament.**

**(Two Weeks)**

**Suggested Readings:**

Ellman, Michael and Vladimir Kantorovich. The Destruction of the Soviet Economic System: An Insider’s History. London and New York: Routledge, 1998

Nove, Alec. The Soviet Economic System. London: Allen & Unwin, 1977. edition. Routledge, 1988.

**V. Disintegration of the Soviet system (1991) and the confederation of independent states**

**(Two Weeks)**

**Suggested Readings:**

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1879366512000267>

Nove, Alec. Stalinism and After: The Road to Gorbachev. 3rd

Suny, Ronald Grigor. The Revenge of the Past: Nationalism, Revolution, and the Collapse of the Soviet Union. Stanford: Stanford University Press, 1993.

White, Stephen. After Gorbachev. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1993.

**Basic Book:**

Soviet Sangh Ka Itihas- Karuna Koushik

**Methodology -** PPT, Lecture, Debates (Q&A). Additional readings are provided to students through Google Classroom and Email.

**Google Classroom**

**Tutorial Assessment:** Tutorialshave planned to provide remedial help for the students and to develop their deeper understanding of the topics by group discussions, group assignments, debates and presentations.

**Internal Assessment:** Three tests, 3 presentations & group assignments and one individual assignment.