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GUIDES, ENCYCLOPEDIAS and BIOGRAPHY


This encyclopedia is written from the perspective of Soviet authorities. Use the index because each volume is organized in alphabetical order.


General biographical reference sources on Soviet persons

Biographical Reference Bank
Biographical information on wide range of authors and persons in history; includes articles from Current Biography, a source of biographical essays on notable people since 1940.

Marquis Biographies Online (Who's Who)
Includes Who’s Who in the World. Use advanced men to search with various parameters.

LIBRARY CATALOGS

OSU Library Catalog find books, journals, videos, digital information, reference materials
OHIOLINK (Collected catalogs from academic libraries in Ohio, including OSU)

Sample subject headings:  Soviet Union -- History -- Revolution, 1917-1921
Stalin, Joseph, 1879-1953 -- Correspondence
Women -- Soviet Union -- Social conditions
Soviet Union – History – Revolution, 1917-1921 – Sources

Keyword searches  Stalin and economic polic*  [* finds variations: policy, policies]
bolshevik and "personal narratives"
collectivization and stalin*  

Also, you may limit to primary sources by searching with specific keywords that appear in subject headings:  sources, archives, correspondence, diaries, personal narratives.
Center for Research Libraries
Search the CRL catalog for resources not at OSU or in Ohiolink Libraries. You may borrow resources using the Ohiolink catalog. Some resources from the CRL website are available in digital format.

JOURNAL ARTICLES AND BOOKS

Historical Abstracts.
Indexes journals, books, and dissertations in world history (1450 - present) for publications since 19th century

JSTOR. Search and read of digitized scholarly journals in history and other fields.

American Bibliography of Slavic and East European Studies.
Indexes literature published since 1985

Russian Academy of Sciences Bibliographies. Publications from 1992-present
Find social sciences and humanities resources published in the Commonwealth of Independent States and Eastern Europe.

Academic Search Complete. Dates of coverage vary, mostly since 1980s but some journals much earlier. Indexes scholarly and popular literature across all fields.

Contemporary articles from the 20th century

Social Science & Humanities Retrospective 1907-1983
Interdisciplinary database to scholarly periodicals from the period. See also Readers Guide Retrospective, 1890-1982 for an index to mostly popular literature.

Periodicals Archive Online. 1800s--
An archive of hundreds of digitized journals published in the arts, humanities and social sciences. Includes journals in English, French, Spanish, German, Portuguese and Italian.

Thematic

Women’s Studies International. Publications since 19th c. but mainly 1972-present. Interdisciplinary journal index

MLA International Bibliography. Literary analysis and criticism of literary works, authors and themes.

Art Full Text (1984- ) and Art Index Retrospective (1929-1984) Index and selected full text to journal literature.

SELECTED NEWS MEDIA

Many newspapers in Microforms, Thompson 2nd floor and in the Depository. Check the Library Catalog for holdings.

Foreign Broadcast Information Service (FBIS) Daily Reports. 1941-1996.
This resource is an archive of translated transcripts of foreign broadcasts and news. FBIS provides firsthand reports of events as they occurred. This online collection features full-text transcripts from Africa, Asia and the Pacific, China, Eastern and Western Europe, Latin America, the Middle East and the Soviet Union.

Current Digest of the Post-Soviet Press 1949-current
Presents a selection of Russian-language press materials translated into English.
Pravda, 1912- [search and read in Russian language] “Official voice of Soviet communism and the Central Committee of the Communist Party between 1918 and 1991. Founded in 1912 in St. Petersburg, Pravda originated as an underground daily workers’ newspaper, and it soon became the main newspaper of the revolutionary wing of the Russian socialist movement. Throughout the Soviet era, party members were obligated to read Pravda.”

Proquest Historical Newspapers

Times Digital Archive (Online: 1785-1985)
Search full text of the Times of London and view facsimile image of the newspaper articles. Covers British and world history. Also Sunday Times Digital Archive 1822-2006

SELECTED DOCUMENT SOURCES MAINLY IN ENGLISH

Stalin Digital Archive
“Contains primary and secondary source material related to Joseph Stalin's personal biography, his work in government, and his conduct of foreign affairs. A majority of these documents are scanned page images and corresponding bibliographic records in Russian created by the Russian State Archive of Social and Political History (RGASPI).” English language documents/publications are available but the database contains mostly Russian language. See more information on content.

World War I and Revolution in Russia, 1914-1918
This collection documents the Russian entrance into World War I and culminates in reporting on the Revolution in Russia in 1917 and 1918. The documents consist primarily of correspondence between the British Foreign Office, various British missions and consulates in the Russian Empire and the Tsarist government and later the Provisional Government.

World Communism: Pamphlets from McMaster University
Pamphlets pertaining to communism, socialism, and class struggle...The bulk of the collection originates from China and Soviet Russia during the post-WWII period... These materials include a selection of translated speeches from Mao Zedong, as well as Joseph Stalin, Vyacheslav Molotov, and other prominent Soviet policy-makers from the era.”

U.S. Military Intelligence Reports: Soviet Union, 1919-1941
U.S. Military Intelligence Reports: The Soviet Union, 1919-1941 contains a large amount of significant material prepared by U.S. military intelligence officers on political, military, and economic developments in the Soviet Union from 1919 through May 1941. Also see U.S. Military Intelligence Reports: Soviet Union, 1941-1944

Confidential U.S. Diplomatic Post Records, Russia and the Soviet Union
Part 1. Russia: From Czar to Commissars, 1914-1918
Part 2. The Soviet Union, Section A: 1919-1924
Covers the time period of the middle and later phases of the Russian Civil War and the establishment of the Soviet Union in December 1922, as well as the beginning of Josef Stalin's rise to power after Vladimir Lenin's death in January 1924.
Part 2. The Soviet Union, Section B: 1925-1935
Part 3. The Soviet Union: 1934-1941

Russian Civil War and American Expeditionary Forces in Siberia, 1918-20
Find letters, reports, memorandums, cablegrams, maps, charts, and other kinds of records relating to the activities of the American Expeditionary Forces in Siberia from the US National Archives
Declassified Documents Reference System early 20th century-present
Search the full text of selected U.S. government documents declassified documents from various government agencies, including the White House, the CIA, the FBI, the State Department, and others.

Digital National Security Archive 1945-
"The most comprehensive collection available of significant primary documents central to U.S. foreign and military policy since 1945." Additional, related documents are available at the National Security Archive at George Washington Univ.


US Department of State Bulletin from 1939-1989 (JX232A26 in Depository) Proquest Congressional (1789- ) Find the full text of Congressional reports and documents and full text for many bills, public laws and hearing testimony. Includes Congressional Record, information on members of Congress, and federal regulations

British Documents on Foreign Affairs--Reports and Papers From the Foreign Office Confidential Print.
-Part II, From the First to the Second World War, Series A, the Soviet Union, 1917-1939 (print)
-Part III, From 1940 through 1945, Series A, The Soviet Union and Finland (print)
-Part IV, From 1946 through 1950, Series A, Soviet Union and Finland, 1946/1947 (print)

Cabinet Papers, 1916-1986 (digital)
Search full text and retrieve pdf of documents produced or provided to the British Cabinet. At this time the documents include "Conclusions" for cabinet discussions and agreed action points; "Memoranda" for policy proposals and positions taken by ministers or government departments; "Notebooks" for transcripts of cabinet discussions revealing a minister's stance before consensus; "Precedent" books for policy on how the Cabinet works.

Documents on British Policy Overseas (20th century)
Primary source documents from Britain's Foreign and Commonwealth Office, shedding light on diplomatic history throughout the twentieth century. It is based on three distinct print series which form a record of British peacetime diplomacy since the end of the nineteenth century: British Documents on the Origins of the War 1898-1914, Documents on British Foreign Policy 1918-1939 and Documents on British Policy Overseas.

House of Commons Parliamentary Papers. 18th century-21st century
Search and retrieve documents produced by the British Parliament, including reports, journals, debates and additional materials

United Nations Documents and Publications. 1946-present

The Harvard Project on the Soviet Social System (Harvard University) “consists chiefly of summary transcripts of 705 interviews conducted with refugees from the USSR during the early years of the Cold War. A unique source for the study of Soviet society between 1917 and the mid-1940s.