



# HIS 315 The Soviet Union and Beyond

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**T/R, 2:30-3:45PM**



**In October 1917, a group of revolutionaries in the Russian Empire seized power and became the first people to attempt to implement the Communist ideals of Karl Marx. The country that emerged as a result of their experiment, the Soviet Union, changed the world forever. Who were these revolutionaries? What was their project? How did regular people experience the mixture of utopianism and violence which was characteristic of the Soviet project? Finally, how does the Soviet imperial project continue to shape our world, especially in the form of the Russian invasion of Ukraine? We will learn about all of these topics and more in *The Soviet Union and Beyond*.**