

Russian Studies announces a guest lecture by Professor Lisa Kirschenbaum

Friday February 26 2021 from 16:15-17:00 (DK time) (10-11 am US EST time)

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Professor Lisa Kirschenbaum:

"Children of October: Ol'ga Berggol'ts and Early Soviet Childhood"

In the first decade of Soviet power, "the children of October" embodied both pressing practical problems and revolutionary dreams. Historians have relatively easy access to sources that can help us to understand policymakers' shifting efforts to protect children, revolutionize childhood, and turn the child into an emblem of cultural transformation. More difficult to tease out of the sources is an understanding of the experiences of children themselves. What did children make of the revolution? The talk draws on the poet Ol'ga Berggol'ts's extraordinary memoir of her revolutionary childhood, the World War II siege of Leningrad, and the Thaw to suggest how historians can both analyze "childhood" as a cultural construct and take children seriously as historical actors.



Lisa Kirschenbaum is the author of three books: *Small Comrades: Revolutionizing Childhood in Soviet Russia, 1917-1932* (Routledge 2001), *The Legacy of the Siege of Leningrad, 1941-1995* (Cambridge 2006), and most recently *International Communism and the Spanish Civil War* (Cambridge 2015), which was awarded the 2016 Heldt Prize by the Association for Women in Slavic Studies. Her translation of the poet Ol'ga Berggol'ts's memoir of the Revolution, the siege of Leningrad, and the Thaw, *Daytime Stars*, was published by University of Wisconsin Press in 2018.



The event is for the Russian studies BA program, but open to all interested, students and faculty
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