The Russian Revolution as Triumph and Catastrophe in Generational Memory: Experience and Remembrance of the Revolutionary Generation of the 1870s

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This talk addresses the Russian Populist revolutionary generation of the 1870s in light of its generational identity and collective memory, both at that time and in the decade or so after the Bolshevik Revolution. In the 1920s survivors of this generation fought individually and as a group against communist hegemonic encroachments in order to preserve the Populist legacy and create its own unified narrative of the revolutionary movement in Russia. Drawing upon a large body of memoirs and extensive correspondence, both published and archival, the speaker will devote particular attention to the Society of Former Political Prisoners and Exiles (1921-1935) and its importance in the “memory wars” of the early Stalinist era.

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