

## ALEKSEI EPISHEV

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### EDUCATION

Ph. D. in History, University of Illinois Chicago (UIC) (in progress):

- Title: ***“We need them desperately:” “Chinese Labor,” Global Capitalism, and Imperial Modernity in the Russian Empire and Early USSR, 1880s-late 1920s.*** 2021 – onward
- Advisor: Professor Marina Mogilner

Chicago Metropolitan Exchange Program (CMEP), University of Chicago, Department of History:

- Class of Professor Guy Alitto, “Development of the Modern Chinese History Field in the West 1950-2010” Spring 2023

M. A. in Cultural Studies, Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia \ University of Cologne, Cologne, Germany:

- Program title: “Cultural and Intellectual History between East and West” 2017 –
- Thesis: “National Plots in Russian Literature at the Beginning of the XIX Century” 2019
- Advisor: Professor Mikhail Velizhev

B. A. in History, Immanuel Kant Baltic Federal University, Kaliningrad, Russia:

- Regional Studies Through History and Museum Studies 2010 – 2015

### LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Russian (native), Chinese (Mandarin) (upper-intermediate), German (upper-intermediate), Latin (basic)

### FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND AWARDS

The University of Hong Kong, the Institute of Transnational History of China, Research Assistant	January – May, 2026
Association of Slavic, East European, & Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) Internship Grant	June, 2025
UIC Graduate College, Provost’s Graduate Internship Award	May, 2025
UIC Department of History, Bentley Brinkerhoff Gilbert Fellowship	April, 2025
Economic History Association, Early Stage Dissertation Grant in Economic History	March, 2025
Henry Luce Foundation/American Councils of Learned Societies (ACLS), Travel Grant in China Studies	July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026
UIC Department of History, John B. and Theta Wolf Fellowship	November 2024
London School of Economics, Paulsen Programme Grant	June 2024
UIC Graduate College, Award for Graduate Research	December 2023
UIC Department of History, John B. and Theta Wolf Fellowship	November 2023
UIC College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, PhD Research Grant	March 2023
UIC Graduate College, Provost’s Graduate Research Award	December 2022
UIC Office of International Services, Laurette Kirstein Scholarship	May 2022
Higher School of Economics, Mirror Laboratories Research Project Grant	December 2021

UIC Department of History, John B. and Theta Wolf Fellowship	November 2021
UIC Department of History, History Doctoral Award	2021 – 2025

## LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

Epishev, A. “Chinese Labor” as a Test of Imperial Modernity: The History of the Chinese “Labor Army” Model in the Russian Empire, 1905-1917” in a collective volume (upcoming with Harvard University Asia Center)	2025
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## RECENT CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

2025 Annual Convention of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES), in Washington, DC:	
- Co-organizer of the Panel “Chinese-Russian Encounters in the Late 19th - Early 20th Century: People, Goods, Ideas”	November 20-23, 2025
- Title: Railways and Gold: Chinese Labor and State Capitalism in the Russian Empire in the 1890s-1910s	
Ab Imperio Workshop at Amherst Center for Russian Culture, “Beyond Russian and Soviet History: The Long Twentieth Century in Northern Eurasia,” in Amherst College, Amherst, MA:	January 31 – February 2, 2025
- Title: Chinese Labor and State Capitalism in the Russian Empire, 1880s-1920s.	
Online Workshop “DataBasics,” Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Harvard University. Organizer: Dr. Kelly O’Neill	January 8-9, 2025
Conference sponsored by Paulsen Programme at the London School of Economics, Al-Farabi Kazakh National University, “The Russian Empire as Great Power and Multi-Ethnic Polity,” in Almaty, Kazakhstan:	June 27 – 30, 2024
- Title: “Chinese Workers in Russia during the First World War”	
University of Illinois Chicago, History Department, Brownbag meeting in Chicago, IL:	
- Title: “Chinese labor” as a Test of Imperial Modernity: The History of Chinese “Labor Army” Model in the Russian Empire, 1905-1917”	April 17, 2024
Workshop at the University of Hong Kong, “Borderlands of Ebb and Flow: Shared Histories and Imperial Encounters between China and Russia, 1600s to the Present” (hybrid):	
- Title: “From Exclusion to Mass Recruitment Campaign: The Russian Government Policy toward the Chinese labor during 1905-1917”	December 14-15, 2023
Midwest Slavic Conference, Ohio State University, in Columbus, OH:	
- Panel: “Future Scholars of East European and Eurasian Studies”	March 25 – 26, 2023
- Title: “Chinese Diaspora in Petrograd 1918-1921”	
Workshop at the Higher School of Economics, “Rethinking the History of Modernization in Imperial Russia and the USSR: Paradigms of Assimilation and Development as Practice and Languages of Social and Political Imagination,” in Saint-Petersburg, Russia:	December 13 - 17, 2021
- Title: “From Global Labor to World Revolution: The Chinese in Russia’s Continuum of Crisis, 1910s–1920s”	

## ARCHIVAL EXPERIENCE

Russian State Historical Archive in the Far East (RGIA DV), Vladivostok, Russia (via research assistant)	Fall 2025
Russian State Historical Archive (RGIA), St. Petersburg, Russia (via research assistant)	Summer 2025
Russian State Historical Archive (RGIA), St. Petersburg, Russia (via research assistant)	Fall 2024
State Archive of the Russian Federation (GARF), Moscow, Russia	Summer 2024

National Archive of Georgia, Tbilisi (via research assistant)	
Institute of Modern History, Taipei, Taiwan (digitized collections)	
Central State Archive (TsGA), St. Petersburg, Russia (via research assistant)	Summer 2023
Central State Historical Archive (TsGIA), St. Petersburg, Russia (via research assistant)	
Hoover Institution, Stanford University, CA	Summer 2022
Central State Archive (TsGA), St. Petersburg, Russia	Winter 2021
Central State Historical Archive (TsGIA), St. Petersburg, Russia	

## RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE AND INTERNSHIPS

Information Assistant/ Digital Humanities Intern, Russian American Science Association (RASA), Professor Sergei Erofeev, Rutgers University.	June - August, 2025
Event Manager, SEENEXT: Seminar: East European and Northern Eurasian Crosstalk, Institute of Humanities, UIC.	2024-onward
Research Assistant, Professor Keely Stauter-Halsted, UIC.	Summer 2023
Web Administrator, Polish Studies Association.	2022-onward
Research Assistant, Professor Marina Mogilner, UIC.	2022 - 2023
Research Assistant, Professor Leah Feldman, University of Chicago.	Summer 2022
Teaching Assistant, Department of History, UIC.	2021-onward

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Lecturer:

Lecture "Revolution of 1917" during the course of HIST 237 "Russian Empire in the Modern Period" at UIC.	Fall 2021
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### Teaching Assistant (UIC):

HIST 105 Global Transformations (Prof. Daly)	Fall 2025
HIST 101 Western Civilization since 1648 (Prof. Abbott)	Summer 2025
HIST 105 Global Transformations (Prof. Daly)	Spring 2025
HIST 101 Western Civilization since 1648 (Prof. Connolly)	Fall 2024
HIST 101 Western Civilization since 1648 (Prof. Abbott)	Summer 2024
HIST 105 The Rise of the West since 1000 (Prof. Daly)	Spring 2024
HIST 101 Western Civilization to 1648 (Prof. Abbott)	Fall 2023
HIST 101 Western Civilization since 1648 (Prof. Abbott)	Summer 2023
HIST 101 Western Civilization since 1648 (Prof. Green)	Spring 2023
HIST 137 Russia in War and Revolution (Prof. Daly)	Fall 2022
HIST 105 Global Transformations (Prof. Daly)	Summer 2022
HIST 235 The Rise and Fall of Communism in Eastern Europe (Prof. Fidelis)	Summer 2022
HIST 234 History of Poland (Prof. Stauter-Halsted)	Spring 2022
HIST 237 Russian Empire in the Modern Period: History, Culture, and the Challenges of Diversity (Prof. Mogilner)	Fall 2021

### Teacher/Tutor:

Personal Tutor in German Language, Saint-Petersburg, Russia	2020-2021
KIDDIE Center of Vocational Education, Ningbo, China	2019-2020
Municipal Autonomous General Education Institution Secondary School No. 26, Teacher of History and Social Sciences, Kaliningrad, Russia	2015-2017

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION

Association of Slavic, East European, & Eurasian Studies (ASEEES), Association for Asian Studies (AAS), Economic History Association (EHA)

## **SERVICE TO PROFESSION**

UIC History Graduate Society (HGS), International Students Support Group – I created a guideline for upcoming graduate students to UIC explaining specifics of American graduate school and living in Chicago area.