

# Russia Beyond Russians

This course focuses on recent events in Russia and the post-Soviet space, many of which stem from enduring ethnic tensions. The Russian Federation is home to 180 nationalities, many of which have long been in conflict. We will examine how the Russian state—under the Tsars, Soviets, and President Vladimir Putin—has sought to impose uniformity, often diminishing ethnic groups. Through a historical lens, we will explore the struggles of these groups, from peaceful movements like the Circassian movement to violent resistance like Chechnya. Contemporary Russian culture, including music, cinema, cuisine, and humor, will also be discussed to illuminate current events.



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Asya Pereltsvaig, PhD received a degree in English and History from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and a PhD in Linguistics from McGill University. She taught at Yale and Stanford, and has been teaching in lifelong education programs since 2010. Her expertise is in language and history, and the relationship between them. Her most recent book is *Languages of the World: An Introduction*, 4th edition.

**THURSDAYS, APRIL 3 THROUGH MAY 8**

**9am AK | 10am PT | 11am MT | Noon CT | 1pm ET**

Each live session is 90 minutes

- Thursday, April 3
- Thursday, April 10
- Thursday, April 17
- Thursday, April 24
- Thursday, May 1
- Thursday, May 8

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