



DEPARTMENT OF CENTRAL, EASTERN AND
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Science Fiction in Russia and Eastern Europe

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This course explores Russia's rich science fiction tradition, examining trends historically and thematically across units: utopia and dystopia, worlds beyond earth, and fictional science. 18th- and 19th-century writers described visions of utopia and fantastic voyages to the moon, but in the 20th century, which saw extreme scientific and technological advances, the intensity of modern war and the pressure of the Cold War space race, and the establishment of the Eastern bloc, science fiction came into its own. We will watch and read the best sci-fi films and texts of the 20th century, and the emerging new voices of the 21st.