

Russia and Central Asian Politics  
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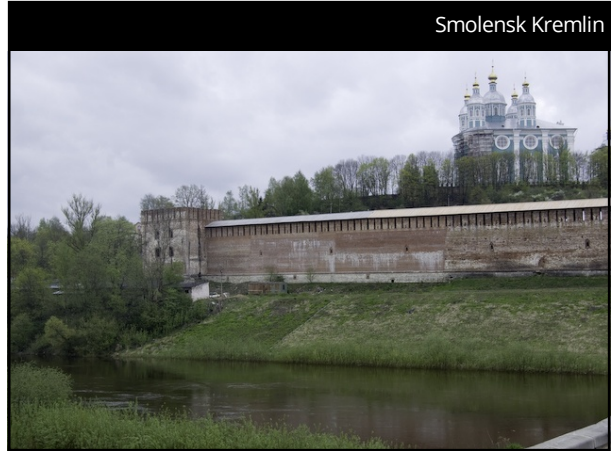
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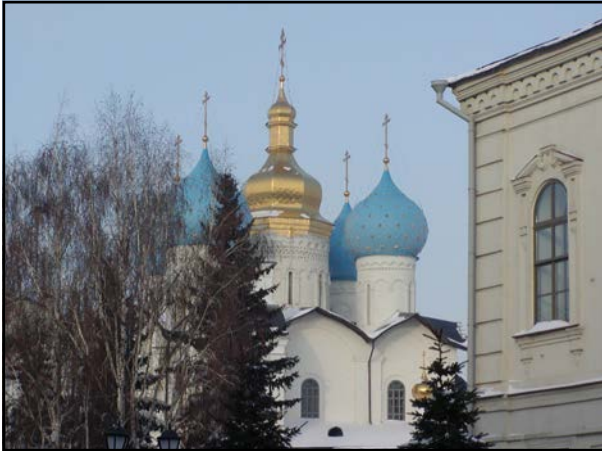


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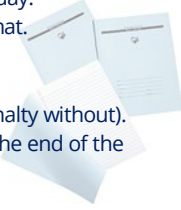
### Tatarstan

- 53% Tatars, 40% Russians
- 55% Muslim



### Announcements

- Midterm exam one week from today.
  - Mostly (perhaps all) essay format.
  - Some shorter, some longer.
  - Full class period.
  - Bring an exam booklet (5% penalty without).
  - Study guide will be posted by the end of the week.



### 1990s: The Political Transition

- Political transition: communism to democracy.
  - New institutions: constitution, дума, elections, parties.
  - Institutions: "rules of the game:" the laws, rules, order and organizations that govern politics.

### Economic Transition: Agenda

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Communism<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Public property</li><li>- State ownership of businesses</li><li>- Central planning</li><li>- Controlled wages and prices</li><li>- Autarky</li><li>- Basic goods provision</li></ul></li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Post-communism<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Private property</li><li>- Private enterprise</li><li>- Market determination of production, wages and prices</li><li>- Trade and investment</li><li>- Basic goods split between state and market</li></ul></li></ul> |
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