

Reference Books of 2014–2015: A Selection

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The reference works annotated below were selected from recent acquisitions by the University of Illinois Library at Urbana-Champaign.

Poland

10 lat Polski w Unii Europejskiej: Bibliografia selektywna. Ed. Maksymilian Sokół-Potocki. Warsaw: Centralna Biblioteka Wojskowa im. Marszałka Józefa Piłsudskiego, 2014. 277 pp.

Each of the 1773 entries in this compact work includes a complete bibliographic citation and a list of standard subject headings for the title. The arrangement is alphabetical by author or anonymous title and includes books, newspaper and scholarly and specialized journal articles in Polish, English, French, German, and Russian. Covering all aspects of Poland's membership in the European Union, the bibliography includes a list of sources and both subject and author indexes, and the annotations include many links to online resources. The electronic version is available at: <https://www.msz.gov.pl/pl/ministerstwo/publikacje/HYPERLINK> https://www.msz.gov.pl/pl/ministerstwo/publikacje/10_lat_polski_w_unii_europejskiej?channell

Ilustrowany słownik biograficzny Polonii świata. Ed. Agata Judicka and Zbigniew Judicki. Prace Wydziału Nauk Społecznych, 168. Lublin: Towarzystwo Naukowe Katolickiego Uniwersytetu Lubelskiego Jana Pawła II, 2014. Vol. 1, 423 pp.

Notable émigré Poles are the subjects of this A-Z volume of scholarly-authored biographical articles with bibliographies and (often) portraits. The volume follows the style of and supplements the monumental *Polski słownik biograficzny*, which began publication in 1935 and includes emigres, but currently only reaches the surname Śliwka. Some 19th century personalities are included, but the majority died from the latter half of the 20th century to a few years ago. This first volume features a 10-page biography of Pope John Paul II. The work lacks a table of contents or listing of the persons covered, but is nevertheless an essential work for Polish reference collections.

Pracownicy Radia Wolna Europa: Biografie zwykłe i niezwykłe. By Lechosław Gawlikowski. Warsaw: Instytut Studiów Politycznych Polskiej Akademii Nauk: Naczelna Dyrekcja Archiwów Państwowych, 2015. 917 pp.

The subjects of this authoritative biographical dictionary are some 280 journalists and others associated with Radio Free Europe's Polish Service. A comprehensive index of personal names is provided. Some of the articles are several pages long and

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include portraits and archival sources as well as bibliographies of works by and about the journalists. Other features, such as the listings of broadcast programs, help to make this book a basic scholarly source for the history of the Polish RFE Service.

Warszawa walczy 1939–1945: Leksykon. Ed. Krzysztof Komorowski. Warsaw: Fundacja Warszawa Walczy; Wydawnictwa Bellona SA, 2014. 999 pp.

With a focus on underground organizations, resistance movements, the Warsaw Uprising, and the Warsaw Ghetto, this scholarly encyclopedia of Warsaw under Nazi occupation includes substantial signed articles with abundant cross references on the personalities, including the German occupiers, and events of the period. A separate section has 311 portraits of Polish activists, including some photographs, as well as facsimiles of posters, decrees, and newspaper articles on the September Campaign, occupied Warsaw, the Warsaw Ghetto, Warsaw Uprising, and destruction of the city. A list of sources and a substantial scholarly bibliography is appended along with a comprehensive personal name index and excellent color maps and plans.

Russia

Bibliograficheskii ukazatel' nekrologov filosofov, sotsiologov, politologov. By S.N. Kor-sakov. Moscow: Rossiiskaia Akademiia Nauk, Institut filosofii, 2014. 150 pp.

Included in this guide are references to obituaries from the past 100 years, with the exception of prerevolutionary obituaries and those for émigré philosophers. The work is based mainly on the catalogs of INION. The main section (16–103) covers Russian philosophers and social scientists as treated in Russian publications. Some two pages are devoted to foreign obituaries of Russians, six pages of Russian obituaries for foreign scholars, and about 36 pages concerning foreign scholars in foreign publications. Names are presented only in Cyrillic, and the work lacks an index, severely limiting its use as a finding aid.

Bibliografiia Kitaia; Filosofii i obshchestvenno-politicheskaia mysl', etika, estetika, voennaia mysl', mifologiiia, religiia. By V. P. Zhuravleva. Moscow: ID "FORUM," 2015. 703 pp.

Covering publications from 1958 through 2008, this comprehensive scholarly work supplements the major bibliography of China by Petr Emelianovich Skachkov, the famous sinologist and bibliographer, published in 1960. Scholarly work on the 6-volume China encyclopedia *Dukhovnaia kultura Kitaia* (Moscow, 2006–10) aided the work on this bibliography. It includes only Russian-language works, and the subjects are limited to philosophy, religion, and sociopolitical subjects. There are 9,173 entries for books, articles, pamphlets, conference proceedings, dissertations, and deposited manuscripts. Notable popular books are listed in addition to the exhaustive coverage of scholarly materials, including translations of source materials and manuscripts. The author, a student of Skachkov, provides an introductory biographical essay about him. The first section of the bibliography (4663 entries) is on philosophy and socio-political thought, followed by sections on ethics, aesthetics, military thought, mythology, and religion. A section on teaching and scholarship consists mainly of bio-bibliographies of scholars in the field. Along with title, source, and abbreviation lists are indexes of authors, editors, compilers, translators, and others.

Drevniaia Rus' v srednevekovom mire: Entsiklopediia. Institut vseobshchei istorii RAN. Ed. E.A. Mel'nikova and V.Ia. Petrukhin. Moscow: Lodomir, 2014. 989 pp.

This richly illustrated encyclopedia covers all aspects of the history of Rus' from the ninth century until the middle of the thirteenth century. The color illustrations include a wide range of realia, architecture, manuscripts, coins, landscapes, emblems, seals, plans, maps, genealogic charts and tables. A number of highly useful supplements will please scholars of the period, and there is a 14-page international bibliography of sources, as well as a list of the articles (some 3,000) and a list of authors. Archival and published documents and major critical works are cited with the articles. This hefty volume weighs over seven pounds (3.265 kg.) and reference librarians may want to shelve it below eye-level to avoid possible injury to frail scholars attempting to retrieve the book.

Bibliografiia zhurnala "Zhivaia starina," 1994–2013. Moscow: Gosudarstvennyi respublikanskii tsentr russkogo fol'klora, 2014. 158 pp.

The 2,293 articles and reviews in this index to a well-known journal of Russian and Slavic folklore are arranged by sections. Articles are listed first, followed by reviews, conferences and exhibits, anniversaries, and obituaries. A thematic index followed by an author index conclude the work.

Entsiklopedicheskii slovar' istorii sovetskoi povsednevnoi zhizni. By L.V. Belovinskii. Moscow: Novoe literaturnoe obozrenie, 2015. 775 pp.

The author has written this fascinating encyclopedia of everyday life under the Soviet regime not only for readers in Russia, but also for the foreign reader. The principal reference value of the work lies in the cogent definitions of some 3,000 terms peculiar to the period, including slang, acronyms, and realia. A section of informal period snapshots is included. This work should be included in research library reference collections.

I.A. Goncharov: Bibliograficheskii ukazatel', 1832–2011. Comp. A.V. Romanova. St. Petersburg: Dmitrii Bulanin, 2015. 591 pp.

The present Goncharov bibliography includes all of A.D. Alekseev's 1968 standard bibliography and its supplements, but is substantially enlarged in connection with scholarly research on the 1997 jubilee edition of the author's works. There are a total of 5,615 entries. The compiler points out that coverage is selective from the 1990s onward because of changes in the system of mandatory deposit copies of Russian publications. To compensate for this, many printed and online sources were used, including the online catalogs of major Russian libraries. Foreign scholarship and foreign book reviews are covered well and grouped by language. The two internet sources listed are www.goncharov.spb.ru and the Goncharov section of FEB-web, www.feb-web.ru.

In the Lands of the Romanovs: An Annotated Bibliography of First-hand English-language Accounts of the Russian Empire (1613–1917). By Anthony Cross. Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2014. xv, 419 pp.

The carefully annotated entries in this illustrated bibliography by the leading scholar in the field are arranged alphabetically within historical periods, and the book includes an author index and a bibliography of bibliographies on the topic. A free e-book version adds convenient links and enhanced access. Especially admira-

ble is the easy availability of the work online in a free socially enhanced version. [https://en.wikiversity.org/wiki/In_the_Lands_of_the_Romanovs:_An_Annotated_Bibliography_of_First-hand_English-language_Accounts_of_the_Russian_Empire_\(1613-1917\)](https://en.wikiversity.org/wiki/In_the_Lands_of_the_Romanovs:_An_Annotated_Bibliography_of_First-hand_English-language_Accounts_of_the_Russian_Empire_(1613-1917)).

Kto est' kto v kubanovedenii: Bibliograficheskii slovar'-spravochnik. 2d. rev. suppl. ed. By B.A. Trekhbratov. Krasnodar: Traditsiia, 2014. 525 pp.

This bio-bibliography of teachers and others who have written about the history and culture of the North Caucasus and the Kuban is based primarily on questionnaires sent to schools and individuals. Data for deceased authors was compiled from published biographical and bibliographical sources and the web. Some citations are to standard scholarly publications in Moscow and St. Petersburg, but most of the newspaper and popular and scholarly journal articles and books are from regional centers including Maikop, Armavir, Krasnodar, Stavropol, Rostov-on-Don, Nalchik, Cherkessk, and Kuban'. The article on Mikhail Vladimirovich Pokrovskii (1897–1959), affectionately referred to as the Kuban Kliuchevskii, is a three-column biographical sketch followed by numbered citations to eighteen of his works and 24 critical works about him. Contemporary ethnographer Mikhail Vasil'evich Sementsov (born 1964) includes 44 of his works but no critical works. The longest biography concerns the author himself and 84 of his most substantial publications along with 61 works about him. A few Russian émigré publications are included, and a handful of articles are in foreign languages.

Malotirazhnye izdaniia po istorii politicheskikh repressii v SSSR v biblioteke Obshchestva "Memorial": Annotirovannyi ukazatel'. By Boris Belenkin. Moscow: NIPTs "Memorial"; Zven'ia, 2014. 158 pp.

Included in this carefully annotated bibliography are 409 entries for Russian books and pamphlets held in Memorial's library concerning all periods of Soviet political repression and published from 1992 onwards in 100 or fewer copies. The lion's share were printed in Russia with only a few from other former Soviet republics. A small number were published in Israel and other foreign countries. The work concludes with a nine-page essay on the problems of categorizing these limited editions and organizing current and long-term bibliographic control over them. There are no indexes.

Spiski zhertv politicheskikh represii v SSSR v biblioteknykh fondakh Obshchestva "Memorial," Sakharovskogo tsentra i v Gosudarstvennoi publichnoi istoricheskoi biblioteke Rossii: Annotirovannyi ukazatel'. By B.I. Belenkin. Moscow: NIPTs "Memorial"; Zven'ia, 2014. 341 pp.

Included in this bibliography are 629 fully annotated entries in Russian, Ukrainian, Belarusian, German, Polish, Czech, Kazakh, and Lithuanian. The sources include parts of books and other publications with lists or indexes of individual victims. Some of the works were limited editions. Sources are arranged by categories of victims: nationality, profession, region, social class, religious affiliation, political or government officials, white army members, family, and citizenship (foreign, émigré, stateless). Some 77 major books covering Belarus are presented in a separate section. For additional information users will of course want to consult the Memorial website <http://lists.memo.ru/>

Voenna-politicheskie issledovaniia v Rossii. Comp V.K. Belozerov and A.I. Vladimirov. Moscow: NP RSMD, 2014. 349 pp.

The first part of this handbook is a 100-page alphabetical directory of Russian institutions engaged in military affairs research. Typical contact information is given including links to their websites. The second part (228 pages) includes bio-bibliographies of 200 or so experts in this field, and the work concludes with a list of 44 relevant print and electronic journals and newspapers.

Zhurnalisty, pisateli, izdateli—pitomtsy i professora Moskovskogo universiteta 1755–1917: Slovar’. Ed. T.F. Pirozhkova; Comp. I.V. Petrovitskaia and N.V. Frolova. Moscow: IKAR, 2015. 567 pp.

Published on the 260th anniversary of Moscow University’s founding, this dictionary is aimed at the general reader and has brief informal biographical sketches of varying quality about some 700 mostly prominent alumni who were journalists, publishers, translators, publicists, or public intellectuals. Among the alumni biographies, linguist Roman Jakobson’s affiliation with M.I.T. is mentioned, while historian George Vernadsky’s Yale connection is not.

Ukraine

Hazety Ukrainy 1917–1920 rokiv u fondakh Natsional’noi biblioteky Ukrainy imeni V.I. Vernads’koho: Naukovyi katalog. By O. A. Vakul’chuk and O. S. Zalizniuk. Kiev: Natsional’na biblioteka Ukrainy imeni V.I. Vernads’koho, 2014. 433 pp.

Chronological, geographical, and pseudonym-cryptonym indexes along with indexes by title, personal name, and language of publication facilitate access to the 1,327 Ukrainian newspapers described in this work. Entries show detailed holdings in the Vernadsky National Library of Ukraine. Many of the entries include small photographs of front pages.