

## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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### **Hillsdale College Hosts First 2017-18 CCA Seminar**

*Center for Constructive Alternatives opens annual series with discussion of Soviet Communism*

Hillsdale, Mich. – Hillsdale College is proud to open its 2017-18 Center for Constructive Alternatives (CCA) seminar series with lectures on Soviet Communism from October 1 through October 4. In recognition of the centenary of the Russian Revolution, the first of this year's four CCA events will explore the people, history and beliefs behind the Russian Revolution and the Soviet regime that followed.

The first in the CCA series will feature various scholars discussing Soviet Communism from diverse perspectives. Among the featured guest lecturers is author and historian Arthur Herman. Currently a senior fellow at the Hudson Institute, Herman earned his doctorate in history and classics from Johns Hopkins University and is the author of several nonfiction books, including *New York Times* bestseller *How the Scots Invented the Modern World*, Pulitzer Prize finalist *Gandhi and Churchill* and *Freedom's Forge: How American Business Produced Victory in World War II*, a pick for *The Economist's* Best Books of 2012. Herman's lecture on October 1 is titled *Lenin and the Russian Revolution*.

Hillsdale's Center for Constructive Alternatives seminars gather students and visitors four times each year to hear from experts on a wide range of topics in one of the country's largest college lecture series. Instituted in 1972, CCA lectures have featured more than 1,300 speakers, including Ronald Reagan, Jeane J. Kirkpatrick, Steve Forbes, Madeleine L'Engle and Stephen Ambrose, among many others. For more information, [visit the Center for Constructive Alternatives website here](#).

All CCA events are free and open to the public. Media are welcome but are asked to RSVP to Emily Davis at edavis1@hillsdale.edu. For more information, [visit the CCA website here](#).

#### **WHEN:**

Sunday, October 1, 2017

4 p.m. EDT – Mark D. Steinberg: "The Rising Spirit of Revolution: 1905-1917"

8 p.m. EDT – Arthur Herman: "Lenin and the Russian Revolution"

Monday, October 2, 2017

4 p.m. EDT – John V. Fleming: "Arthur Koestler's *Darkness at Noon*"

8 p.m. EDT – Antony Beevor: "The Soviet Role in World War II"

Tuesday, October 3, 2017

4 p.m. EDT – Roger Kimball: "Leszek Kolakowski and the Debate over Marxism in the 20th Century"

8 p.m. EDT – Daniel J. Mahoney: "Solzhenitsyn and the Gulag"

Wednesday, October 4, 2017  
4 p.m. EDT – Faculty Roundtable

**WHERE:**     **Dow Conference Center**  
22 East Galloway Drive  
Hillsdale, MI 49242

**WHO:**       **Mark D. Steinberg** is a professor of history and Director of Graduate Studies at University of Illinois and author of *The Fall of the Romanovs*.

**Arthur Herman** is a senior fellow at the Hudson Institute and author of several books including *How the Scots Invented the Modern World* and *Freedom's Forge: How American Business Produced Victory in World War II*.

**John V. Fleming** is a former professor of English at Princeton University and the author of *The Anti-Communist Manifestos: Four Books That Shaped the Cold War*.

**Antony Beevor** is an English military historian and author of *Stalingrad: The Fateful Siege*, among many other books.

**Roger Kimball** is the editor of *The New Criterion* and publisher of Encounter Books. He has authored many books and contributed work to various publications, including *The Wall Street Journal* and *The New York Times Book Review*, among others.

**Daniel J. Mahoney** is professor of political science at Assumption College and author of *Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn: The Ascent from Ideology*.

**Faculty Roundtable Participants:**

Daniel B. Coupland – Associate Professor and Chairman of Education

John W. Grant – Associate Professor of Politics

Stephen P. Naumann - Associate Professor of German

Charles N. Steele – Associate Professor of Economics and Herman A. and Suzanne S. Dettwiler Chair in Economics

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