

Ageing in the Shadow of Revolution



Keynote Lecture

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Abstract

Much of the early literature on the history of old age organized itself around cultural representations and tropes and historical considerations of socio-economic change. But some of that literature offered hints of a connection between ageing and political revolution. Our conference's focus is on ageing in a regime that defined itself in revolutionary terms. So what can we learn about the connection between revolution and the subject of old age? I will draw primarily from French historical examples, but I will briefly evoke comparable themes in other countries. How they apply to the history of the Soviet Union may be a fruitful topic of discussion.

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David G. Troyansky is Professor of History at Brooklyn College and the Graduate Center of the City University of New York. He is author of *Old Age in the Old Regime: Image and Experience in Eighteenth-Century France* (Cornell University Press, 1989) and *Aging in World History* (Routledge, 2016) as well as the forthcoming *Entitlement and Complaint: Ending Careers and Reviewing Lives in Post-Revolutionary France* (Oxford University Press). He has published numerous articles on the history of old age and aspects of French cultural history and co-edited three books on French history and Francophone culture, including *Transnational Spaces and Identities in the Francophone World* (University of Nebraska Press, 2009) and *The French Revolution in Culture and Society* (Greenwood Press, 1991). He is currently co-editing, with Tim Parkin of the University of Melbourne, a 6-volume *Cultural History of Old Age* for Bloomsbury Press.

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