

Discussion: How much popular support did the Bolsheviks enjoy in 1917-1921?

Thursday 27 October 2016, 6.30 pm at: Dreyfus Room (2.02), Birkbeck, University of London, 28 Russell Sq, London WC1B 5DQ.

Speaker: Steve Smith (University of Oxford). Followed by questions and discussion

The period between February and October 1917 was remarkable for the extent of mobilization by workers, soldiers, peasants, nationalists and other groups. This tended to work in favour of the Bolsheviks up to the winter of 1917-18. Thereafter much of this support ebbed away and rather rapidly. How far, if at all, was the Bolshevik victory in the civil war determined by popular support?

All welcome. Entrance free. Please RSVP on Eventbrite: [link here](#).

Workers at the Dinamo factory presenting banners to the 14th Siberian infantry regiment, 1917. Slogans include: "For freedom, equality and brotherhood", "SR party. Land and freedom. You will get your rights in struggle", "Universal education", "Long live the international!"



This talk is part of the **Social Histories of the Russian Revolution** series.
Details at socialhistories1917.wordpress.com