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History Changes Gears: The Russian Revolution of 1917 – A Centennial Lecture



The centennial of the Russian Revolution of 1917 serves as the occasion for this lecture, which will recount the broad sweep of events that led to the downfall of the Russian autocracy in the February Revolution and then, eight months later, the storming to power of the Bolshevik Party in the name of the Soviets—an event once celebrated as the Great October Socialist Revolution.

In this lecture, **Bertrand Patenaude** will assess the role of individual actors on the scene, from the last Romanov Tsars to the first Soviet Commissars, as well as the social forces that propelled the revolution forward despite the efforts of the Provisional Government in Petrograd, the Russian capital, to hold back the tide. Key figures include Tsar Nicholas II, Alexander Kerensky, leader of the Provisional Government, and Vladimir Lenin and Leon Trotsky, the architects of Red October.

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