Reference Books of 2019–2020: A Selection

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The reference works annotated below were chosen from recent acquisitions by the University of Illinois Library at Urbana-Champaign. Some 2018 imprints are also included.

General

Bibliography of the History and Archaeology of Eastern Europe in the Middle Ages. Ed. Florin Curta. Leiden, Netherlands; Brill, 2019-.

This online bibliography began in 2019. The publisher provides the following information (edited): the bibliography is a fundamental source of information for the study of the history and archaeology of medieval east central and eastern Europe. It provides comprehensive coverage of all publications, in all languages, pertaining to this vast area of the European continent and its impact on European history from about 500 to the aftermath of the Mongol invasion of 1241. It contains over 75,000 bibliographical records updated annually with approximately 1,000 to 2,000 new records. All titles in languages other than English, French, German, Italian, and Spanish are translated into English. It is browsable via filters, including publication date, format, language, and over 5,000 keywords covering geographical, chronological, and thematic categories. Unclear keywords are clarified by illustrations. Subjects include history and art history, archaeology, bioarchaeology, zooarchaeology, linguistics and philology, paleography, epigraphy, manuscript studies, numismatics and sigillography, climate history, and paleobotany. It includes books (monographs), articles from journals, including e-journals, chapters from edited volumes, including Festschriften and conference proceedings, reviews and review articles, bibliographies, PhD dissertations and MA theses, critical editions, and translations of primary sources.

Poland

Struktury i kadra kierownicza urzędów bezpieczeństwa publicznego w województwie łódzkim w latach 1945–1956. Ed. Robert Rabiega and Joanna Żelazko. Biblioteka Instytutu Pamięci Narodowej w Łodzi; Tom XLIX. Łodź:

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Instytut Pamięci Narodowej, Komisja Ścigania Zbrodni przeciwko Narodowi Polskiemu, Oddział w Łodzi, 2019. 496 pp.

The main part of this work about the Stalinist period Ministry of Public Security in the Łodź voivodeship is a 360-page alphabetical section of biographical sketches together with photos of 324 officers and civilian members of this notoriously oppressive secret police agency. The first part of the book is a 100-page, heavily footnoted narrative about the history and structure of the UB, followed by a section of rosters of the divisional officials and their periods of service. The book concludes with an index of personal names and sixteen pages of facsimiles of documents.

Zbiór fotografii Głównej Komisji Badania Zbrodni przeciwko Narodowi Polskiemu, Instytutu Pamięci Narodowej. Ed. Tomasz Stempowski and Konrad Wiesław Ślusarski. Warsaw: Instytut Pamięci Narodowe. Komisja Ścigania Zbrodni przeciwko Narodowi Polskiemu, 2019. 2 vols. (1109; 286 pp.)

This scholarly guide describes the extensive archival collections of photographic albums and individual photographs of the Institute of National Remembrance Commission for the Prosecution of Crimes against the Polish Nation. The second volume consists solely of the two main indexes: a personal name and pseudonym index and a geographic index. Most of the photographs were taken by German soldiers and SS officers for propaganda purposes. The chronological limits extend beyond the 1939–45 period of occupation with many prewar and postwar materials. The collection also documents atrocities in other European countries and related events such as the Nuremburg trials.

Russia

Bibliografiia knig i broshiur, izdannykh Institutom Afriki RAN (1960–2019). Comp. M.E. Bogoslovskaia and A.N. Ivanov. Moscow: Institut Afriki RAN, 2019. 154 pp.

On its sixtieth anniversary Russia's sole major African studies institute has issued this bibliography of all books and pamphlets published under the organization's imprint. The 1,483 unannotated entries include full bibliographic descriptions and are arranged chronologically with a personal name index.

Knigi russkoi diaspory, 1945–1979: Bibliografiia. By David Arans. Moscow: Russkii put', 2020. 727 pp.

This important work by a veteran bibliographer of Russian émigré literature has 5,295 frequently annotated entries for Russian books and pamphlets published abroad, including rarities such as camouflaged anti-Soviet literature.

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Entries are arranged alphabetically by author in seventeen subject categories with an author index and title index for works lacking a designated author. Occasional links to online versions are provided. The work complements the author's 2002 annotated bibliography *Russkie knigi za rubezhom: 1980–1995* (2,845 entries) published in Moscow by the State Public Historical Library.

Morskie srazheniia russkogo parusnogo flota : Polnyi putevoditel'. By A.A. Lebedev. St. Petersburg: Gangut, 2020. 486 pp.

This exhaustive guide to Russian naval battles and conflicts covers the eighteenth to the mid-nineteenth centuries (the Great Northern War, 1700–21 to the Crimean War, 1853–56). The international bibliography includes ten fonds in the Russian State Naval Archive (RGAVMF), 420 published sources and eleven encyclopedias and other reference works. The main text includes 943 endnotes. Numerous full-page tables are employed throughout, and there are twelve leaves of plates with facsimiles of maps and plans. The book is also available as an eBook from East View Press.

Publikatsii sotrudnikov nauchno-issledovatel'skogo otdela redkikh knig: (Muzeia knigi): Bibliograficheskii ukazatel', 1918–2018. By L.I. Fursenko. Moscow: Pashkov dom, 2019. 371 pp.

Celebrating the centenary of the founding of the Russian State Library's Scientific Research Division of Rare Books, this bibliography covers 2,892 books and articles by the division's scholars (during their employment in the division) published between 1918 and November 2018. The chronological arrangement shows that sixty-six of the titles were published before 1958, the division's fortieth anniversary. In contrast, the staff published fifty-nine works in 2017 alone. An additional 135 publications about the division not written by its members comprise a separate section of the book. A comprehensive index of personal names is appended. By far the most prominent name in the Latin alphabet index is Oxford's J.S.G. Simmons with thirteen references.

Rossiiskii gosudarvennyi arkhiv Voenno-Morskogo Flota: Putevoditel', tom. 4: *Lichnye fondy i fondy arkhivnykh kollektsii (XVI-XX vv.)*. Comp. T.P. Mazur; Ed. V.G. Smirnov, et al. St. Petersburg: Dmitrii Bulanin, 2020. 382 pp.

Volume 1 of this guide to RGAVMF was published in 2013. The first part of this volume describes sixty-eight personal fonds (six of them are family archives) pertaining to military and civilian Russian navy personalities. These are arranged alphabetically and cover about 200 pages. Part 2 of the guide describes in some eighty-three pages thirty-two fonds of miscellaneous collections. The last of these (fond 1375) is a collection of microfilm acquired from the Library of Congress and the National Archives regarding the Russian-American Company. Supplementary material (fifty-five pages)

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includes an index of fonds by number, twelve leaves of illustrations (plates), indexes of personal and geographic names, ship names, and a two-page list of reference works.

Russkaia poeziia XX veka, 1992–2000: Materialy k bibliografii: Utochneniia i dopolneniia k predydushchim tomam (1900–1991). By Lev Turchinskii. Moscow: Vodolei, 2019. 322 pp.

With this bibliography the bibliophile and poetry collector Lev Turchinskii, after nearly half a century's effort, has completed a landmark achievement: a comprehensive international bibliography of Russian poetry books published in the twentieth century. In addition to all books of poetry in Russian (including translations) published between 1992 and 2000, this volume has lists of additions and corrections to previous volumes (1900–60 and 1961–91) and desiderata lists of books that could not be examined de visu. Bibliographic information for each entry includes price and number of copies printed. Reprints are marked with asterisks.

Russkoe prisutstvie v Italii v pervoi polovine XX veka: Entsiklopediia. Comp. Antonella D'Amelia and Daniela Rizzi. Moscow: ROSSPÉN, 2019. 863 pp.

This illustrated encyclopedia of the Russian presence in Italy during the first half of the twentieth century includes about 1,000 mainly biographical articles about prominent Russians with significant connections to the country, but also articles on the Russian Orthodox Church, Russian schools, societies, theaters, relief committees, and other institutions. There are long articles as well on the Russian colonies in Liguria, Milan, Naples, Rome, Tuscany, the Amalfi coast, and the colonies in Capri and Sorrento associated in particular with Maksim Gor′kii. Articles are signed and include selective international bibliographies and URLs for electronic sources. Nearly all of the articles reference archival sources in Italy, Russia, Europe, or America. The personal name indexes are in the Cyrillic and Latin alphabets, the latter mainly cross references to the Cyrillic forms. The book has eight leaves of color plates.

Sotrudniki Otdela rukopisei BAN: Biobibliograficheskii ukazatel′ (1900–2017 gg.). Comp. N.Iu. Bubnov and I.A. Voznesenskaia. St. Petersburg: Biblioteka Rossiiskoi akademii nauk, 2019. 260 pp.

Counting the appointment of Vsevolod Izmailovich Sreznevskii as curator of manuscripts in the Academy of Sciences library in 1901 as the date the Manuscript division was established, this chronologically arranged biobibliography begins with three works by Sreznevskii published in 1900, and nearly all of the forty-seven works published from 1900 to 1910 are by him. Among other sections are published works about the division's members and twenty-five pages devoted to sometimes somber biographical sketches. All of

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the wartime members died during the Leningrad blockade and several others were victims of political repression during the Stalin terror. The work includes a substantial introduction and indexes of personal and geographical names.

SotsiologIia Rossii v litsakh: IstorIia i sovremennost'. Ed. M.K. Gorshkov. Moscow: Izdatel'stvo "Ves' Mir," 2019. 861 pp.

This biographical dictionary of Russian sociologists was sponsored by the Federal Center of Theoretical and Applied Sociology of the Russian Academy of Sciences and the Russian Society of Sociologists. It is divided into three parts: Sociology in prerevolutionary Russia; Sociology in the Soviet period; and Sociology in contemporary Russia. Articles in first part which also includes a number of émigré sociologists are signed and include brief bibliographies of the subject's works, but no works about the subject. Some of the articles (particularly for deceased persons) in part 2 are signed and very few include works about the person. Many of the contemporary sociologists in part 3 list their email addresses. Black and white photos are included for nearly all of the scholars. An essential personal name index is included. An e-book version of this is available from East View Press.

Zhurnal "Evreiskaia starina" (1909–1930 gg.): Annotirovannaia rospis' soderzhanIia. By V.V. Knorring. St. Petersburg: Rossiiskaia natsional'naia biblioteka, 2018. 184 pp.

This excellent reference work by scholar-bibliographer Vera Knorring provides an expert analysis of a major scholarly journal on Jewish history and culture. Following a 30-page introduction on the journal's history is a listing of all issues, and fully annotated descriptions of the 591 articles in the thirteen volumes published. The articles are indexed by personal names, titles, and geographical names.

Ukraine

"Smoloskyp" (1967–2017): Vid Ameryky do Ukrainy. By Alla Mykolaienko. Kyiv: "Smoloskyp," 2018. 320 pp.

This profusely illustrated and carefully researched history of the Ukrainian diaspora journal and publishing house Smoloskyp includes a bibliography of 300 sources, thirty pages of portraits and illustrations, and a bibliography of 335 Smoloskyp publications. The book is indexed by personal names and subjects. The founder and director of Smoloskyp, Osyp Zinkevych, moved the publishing house from Baltimore to independent Ukraine in 1992. Zinkevych died in 2017, aged 92. He donated the Smoloskyp collections and archive to the Documentation Center of Ukrainian Samvydav in Kyiv. Following

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is a description of the Smoloskyp collection from the website of COURAGE (Cultural Opposition: Understanding the Cultural Heritage of Dissent in the Former Socialist Countries): "The collection was created in the Ukrainian diaspora by the Smoloskyp Publishing House. Deeply involved in political and cultural opposition in Soviet and post-Soviet Ukraine, Smoloskyp built a communication channel between Ukraine and the international community, making the Ukrainian oppositional movement internationally known. In 1998, the collection was institutionalized as the Museum-Archive and Documentation Centre of Ukrainian Samvydav in Kyiv. It holds the most extensive collection of Ukrainian *samizdat*; Ukrainian diaspora periodicals; the collection of Ukrainian *tamizdat* (samizdat materials published abroad in Ukrainian, Russian, English, French, German and other languages); hundreds of photos of Soviet-era political prisoners and dissidents; the archives of several committees for human rights in Ukraine from the US, Canada, Australia, Argentina, and other countries."

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