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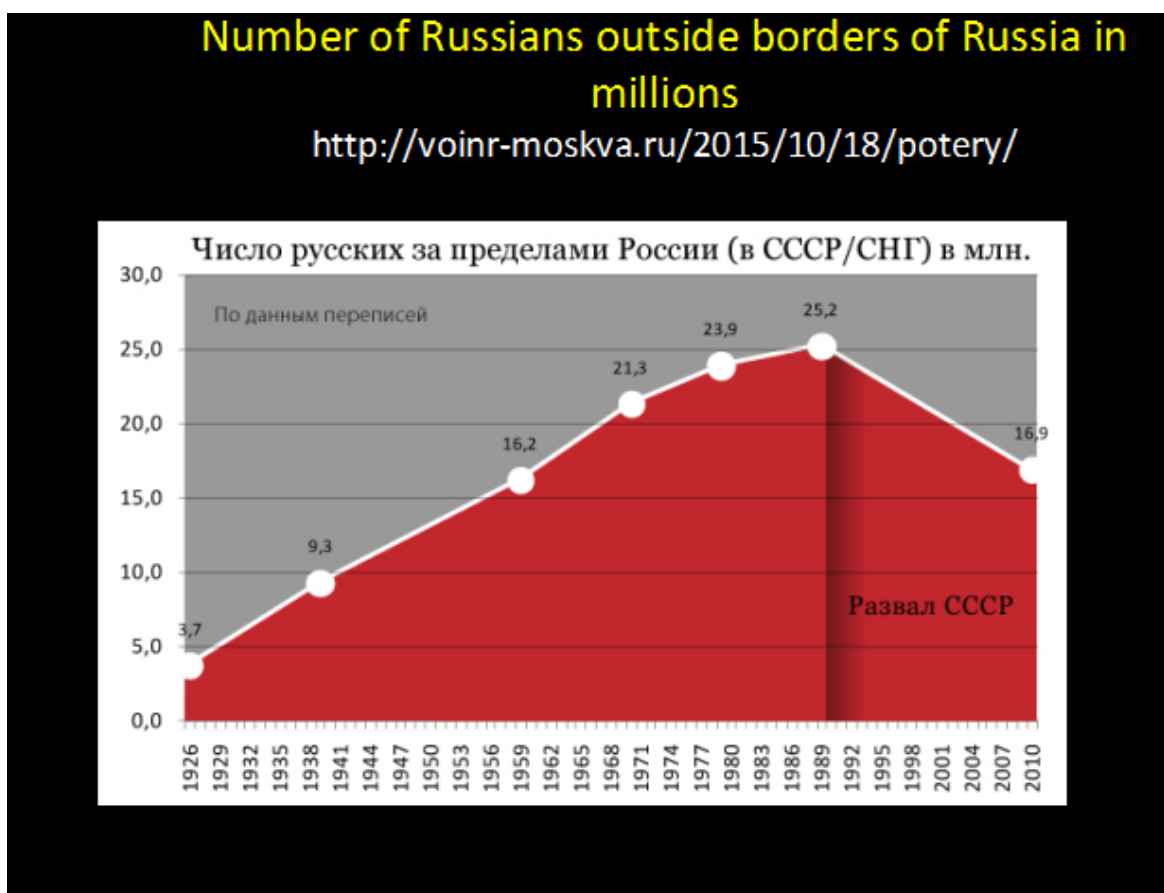
TRANSNATIONALISM IN ONE COUNTRY? SEEING MIGRATION IN SOVIET HISTORY

a public lecture by

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Transnational studies arose amidst the neoliberal euphoria that greeted the demise of the Soviet bloc. In this presentation Professor Siegelbaum seeks to apply the categories of



transnationalism and transnational migrants to migration within the Soviet Union. The first part summarizes scholarship on transnationalism, particularly with respect to migration, and asks why the concept has not been applied retrospectively to the Soviet Union. The second provides an overview of four kinds of transnational migrants in the Soviet period. For each, it posits the maintenance of ties with national homelands, or what can be called transnationalism in one country. The last part lays out four ways that seeing migration in transnational terms enhances our appreciation of the Soviet Union's distinctiveness.

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