

JWST 201.02/ HIST 210.02/ WGST 322.02

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Bombs, Bolsheviks, and Birth Control: Jews and the Radical Left

Gen Ed - Humanities • No Prerequisites

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MWF 2:00 –
2:50pm



From revolutionary Russia, to twentieth century American labor and socialist politics, to feminist movements around the globe, Jewish women and men have played an outsized role in leftist politics, loosely defined. The class is organized around a central question of why Jews tend to be disproportionately drawn to radical movements and what role - if any - religion, culture, political and social discrimination, class, gender, and race have played in it. Additionally, this course will explore antisemitic tropes of the Jew as communist and conspirator in the rhetoric of Nazi Germany, McCarthyism, and the contemporary alt-right.