

The “long” 1917 The Bolshevik revolution in a transnational perspective



Background

The revolutionary year of 1917 and the events of the following years until 1923 may be interpreted as a “long” 1917. The fall of the Czarist Empire, triggered by the war-weariness that exacerbated discontent on the war- and homefront, and then the Bolshevik revolution had consequences for all the belligerent parties of World War I. The Central Empires saw the chance to close the eastern Front while the Entente feared that this could switch the balance of power against them.

Furthermore, the Russian events nourished the fear that the “virus” of socialism could spread to other countries.

Russia fell into a civil war whose effects went beyond the national borders and that was influenced by several foreign interventions and interferences. Former prisoners took up arms for the revolutionary or the counterrevolutionary forces. Foreign powers sent troops into Russian territory to support the local governments and warlords that rose against the Bolsheviks.

The “long” 1917 was characterized by revolutionary and counter-revolutionary events all over Europe and the rest of the world. Altogether,

it represented the last epochal revolutionary event of the modern era, whose consequences shaped the world for the rest of the twentieth century.

Furthermore, its boundaries can go well beyond a narrow 1917-23 periodization, by including its premises or more long-term consequences.

Call for papers

According to this background, *Diacronie. Studi di Storia Contemporanea*, is looking for contributions aimed at throwing new light into the transnational dimension of the “long” 1917. We are looking for papers focused on (but not limited to) the following thematic axes:

- Periodization of the “long” 1917
- War-weariness and the end of the First World War
- Transnational interventions in the development of the Russian revolution
- Foreign armies and volunteers involved in the Russian civil war
- Revolutions and counter-revolutions in Europe and the world in the inter-war years
- Reactions to the Russian revolution abroad (anti-socialist measures, diplomatic reactions, etc.)

How to send an article

Perspective authors should send an abstract (max. 300 words) and a short presentation (max. 200 words) to the address: ✉ redazione.diacronie@hotmail.it by the **March 20th, 2017**. Accepted contributions will be notified within one week. Full articles are expected by **June 1st, 2017**.

Contributions can be in Italian, English, French, Spanish, German, Greek and Portuguese. German, Greek and Portuguese articles will be translated into Italian by the editorial board before publication and may, if the author wishes, be published in the original language alongside.

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