

SOVIET CULTURAL POLICY AFTER STALIN, *or, "I Officially Take No Responsibility for What Happened Here Today"*

Just ten days after Joseph Stalin's death in March 1953, the Soviet government established a new institution: Ministry of Culture that was responsible for a centralized management of cultural life in the entire Soviet Union. On the basis of her archival research of this institution's work, Rebecca Johnston will discuss the political economy of culture in the USSR after Stalin both at the level of central management and in its day-to-day implementation at the local level.

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Agnes Arnold Hall 210
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Soviet professional musicians performing at a collective farm, June 1981. Author unknown; in public domain.



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