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Soviet Cultural Policy: Agencies, Regulations, Bureaucracy

With the October Revolution, along with the economy and defense, Soviet cultural policy became an important site of strategic activity meant to foster the transition from a tsarist, theocratic culture to a socialist one, and to form «Soviet citizens».

At one level, cultural policy refers to how governments fund, promote and protect the arts, cultural industries and heritage.

Cultural policy is also associated with a variety of communication techniques such as film, book and magazine publishing, as well as radio- and TV-broadcasting aimed at dissemination within national borders and as cultural diplomacy.

Finally, cultural policy relies heavily on bureaucracy, a term that rapidly became contentious in the Soviet context. Building on Michel Foucault's concept of governmentality, we offer to explore bureaucracy as a means by which the state and its cultural institutions communicate, and therefore an instrument of cultural policy.

This panel invites contributions that interrogate infrastructural, legislative, and communicative elements of Soviet cultural policy such as institutional and transnational actors, bureaucratic management, regulations in creative sectors, etc.

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