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Curriculum Vitae and List of Publications

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EDUCATION

2020	DPhil (PhD) in History, University of Oxford, Faculty of History, Oriel College
2014	Specialist Degree in History of Art, Lomonosov Moscow State University, Faculty of History

EMPLOYMENT

2025 – 2026	Freie Universität Berlin, Institute for East European Studies *Postdoctoral Fellow*
2022 – 2025	University of Kassel, History and Theory of Architecture *Postdoctoral Fellow*
2022	New York University, Jordan Center for the Advanced Study of Russia *Postdoctoral Fellow*
2021 – 2022	University of Basel, Urban Studies, Department of Social Sciences *Postdoctoral Fellow*

PUBLICATIONS

MONOGRAPH

N. Erofeev, *Prefabricated Frontiers: Manufacturing Soviet Mass Housing* (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, forthcoming 2028).

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

N. Erofeev, 'From Moa to the Urals: Cuban Nickel and the Transnational Infrastructures of Soviet Mining.' *Journal of Contemporary History* (forthcoming)

N. Erofeev, 'Extractive Assistance: Copper Mining, Socialist Development and Urban Planning in Mongolia, 1962–1983', *Urban History* (2025), 1–19. https://doi.org/10.1017/S0963926825100370

N. Erofeev, 'Late-Soviet Collective Housing: Self-Help Construction and Self-Management in the Youth Residential Complex Housing Movement', *Journal of Urban History* (2024). https://doi.org/10.1177/00961442231226327

N. Erofeev, 'Complementary Assistance: Exchanges Between Mongolia, the Soviet Union, China, and Poland during the Cold War', *Cold War History* 24/3 (2024), 453–473. https://doi.org/10.1080/14682745.2024.2328702

N. Erofeev and Ł. Stanek, 'Integrate, Adapt, Collaborate: Comecon Architecture in Socialist Mongolia', *ABE Journal* 19 (2021). https://doi.org/10.4000/abe.12604

N. Erofeev, 'The I-464 Housing Delivery System: A Tool for Urban Modernisation in the Socialist World and Beyond', *Fabrications* 29/2 (2019), 207–230. https://doi.org/10.1080/10331867.2019.1611255

N. Erofeev and M. Sapunova, 'Urban Standard and Norm and Their (Post-)Socialist Transformation', *Urban Studies and Practices* 3/4 (2018), 7–11. https://doi.org/10.17323/usp3420187-11

BOOK CHAPTERS

N. Erofeev, 'Mining, Military Planning, and Soviet Off-Shore Urbanism in Erdenet, Mongolia', in M. Fowkes and R. Fowkes (eds.), *Telluric Transformations: Art and Extractivism in the Socialist Anthropocene* (Budapest and New York: CEU Press, forthcoming 2027).

N. Erofeev, 'Settling the Periphery: Mobile Housebuilding Factories and Soviet Greenfield Urbanization', in M. Lähteenmäki and D. H. Jeong (eds.), *Off-Center: Architectures of Russian and Soviet Imperialism* (forthcoming 2027).

N. Erofeev, '"Camus est petit, Rozanov est grand": Soviet Housing Production and Technological Transfer from France', in N. Solopova (ed.), *Panel Master: The Raymond Camus Story* (Berlin: DOM Publishers, forthcoming).

N. Erofeev, 'Building Spaces of Internationalism: Socialist Assistance to Mongolia in the 1950s–70s', in P. Betts and M. Colla (eds.), *Rethinking Socialist Space in the Twentieth Century*, St Antony's Series (Cham: Palgrave Macmillan, 2024), 159–183. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-54581-8_7

N. Erofeev, 'Shabashniki', in A. Ledeneva (ed.), *The Global Encyclopaedia of Informality, Volume 3: A Hitchhiker's Guide to Informal Problem-Solving in Human Life* (London: UCL Press, 2024), 325–329. https://doi.org/10.14324/111.9781800086142

N. Erofeev and Ł. Stanek, 'Integrate, Adapt, Collaborate: Concerns of Comecon's Technical Assistance to Mongolia During the Cold War', in C. Bernhardt, A. Butter and M. Motylinska (eds.), *Between Solidarity and Economic Constraints* (Berlin and Boston: De Gruyter Oldenbourg, 2023), 43–72. https://doi.org/10.1515/9783110658491-003

REVIEWS

N. Erofeev, review of Kateryna Malaia, *Taking the Soviet Union Apart Room by Room: Domestic Architecture before and after 1991*, *Jahrbücher für Geschichte Osteuropas* 73, no. 2 (2025): 326-28.

N. Erofeev, review of Katherine Zubovich, *Moscow Monumental: Soviet Skyscrapers and Urban Life in Stalin's Capital*, *Social History* 46/3 (2021), 336–338. https://doi.org/10.1080/03071022.2021.1927403

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

N. Erofeev, 'Kira Kartasheva: Architect, Urban Sociologist, Teacher', *Second World, Second Sex: Women in Architecture under Socialism* (10 October 2022). https://womenbuildingsocialism.org/kira-kartasheva/

N. Erofeev and M. Murawski, 'Political Aesthetics of Russian Urbanism', *Sygma* (26 June 2022). https://syg.ma/@sygma/poliestietika-rossiiskogho-urbanizma

N. Erofeev, 'I-464 Journeys: From France to Moscow, from Moscow to Alma-Ata, from Alma-Ata to Havana', *Project Russia* 96 (2021), 239–264.

N. Erofeev, 'Cybernetics & Standardization: Revisiting a Soviet Vision for Better Urbanism', *Strelka Mag* (10 April 2021). https://www.academia.edu/119737509/Cybernetics_and_Standardization_Revisiting_a_Soviet_Vision_for_Better_Urbanism

N. Erofeev, 'The President of Our Country Is a Real Estate Developer', interview with Kimberly Zarecor and Vladimir Kulić, *Urban Studies and Practices* 3/4 (2018), 12–17. https://doi.org/10.17323/usp34201812-17

N. Erofeev, 'From Peripteros to the Box: Theatres of the Modernist Era' [in Russian], in A. Stepina and A. Petrova (eds.), *World – Theatre: Architecture and Stage Design in Russia* (Moscow, 2017), 373–375.

N. Erofeev, 'Tbilisi: Otar Kalandarishvili's Apartment Buildings', in M. Geboltsberger and G. Schöllhammer (eds.), *The Empire Strikes Back? A Traveling Academy through the Post-Soviet Cityscape* (Vienna, 2016), 60–64. https://www.erstestiftung.org/en/publications/the-empire-strikes-back/

N. Erofeev, 'Pavil′on "Tsvetovodstvo i ozelenenie" na VDNKh', *TATLIN* 3/84 (2015), 93–100.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

2025 – 2027	Carl Friedrich von Siemens Stiftung
2022 – 2025	Alexander von Humboldt Foundation
2021 – 2022	Swiss Government Excellence Scholarship
2020	German Historical Institute Scholarship
2019	Oxford Architectural History Grant
2016 – 2020	Hill Foundation Scholarship, University of Oxford

TEACHING

UNIVERSITY OF KASSEL

WiSe 2024/25	'Mass Housing: A Contested History' *Undergraduate seminar*
WiSe 2023/24	'Infrastructures of Development in the Global South' *Undergraduate seminar*
SoSe 2023	'Less: Industry. Climate, Society, and Architecture under Socialism' *Undergraduate seminar, co-taught with Alla Vronskaya*
2023 – 2024	Supervision of BA course papers (5 students)

UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER

2020 – 2021	Supervision of MArch dissertations (6 students) *'Mass Housing' dissertation group*

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

2019	'Soviet Union, 1955–1991' *Undergraduate seminar*

2019	'Stalinism, 1924–1941' *Undergraduate seminar*
2018 – 2019	'Russia and the Soviet Union from the October Revolution to the Great Patriotic War' *Undergraduate seminar*

PAPERS, PRESENTATIONS AND PANELS

Panel response, *Imperial Urbanism in Northeastern Europe: Spaces, Infrastructures and Transimperial Entanglements in the Long Nineteenth Century*," Max Weber Network Eastern Europe and the Lithuanian Institute of History, Vilius, 2026.

Workshop presentation, '*Energy Landscapes between Habitat, Protected Area, and Restricted Access'*, Freie Universität Berlin, Berlin, 5–7 October 2026.

Workshop presentation, 'Soviet Mass Housing and the Making of the Hinterlands', workshop *Towards the Anthropological Conference: What Do Buildings Do to Us?*, Yerevan Center for International Education, Yerevan, March 2026.

Seminar talk, 'Prefabricated Frontiers: Manufacturing Soviet Mass Housing', École des hautes études en sciences sociales (EHESS), Paris, February 2026.

Seminar talk, 'Socialist Mining Industries and the Territories of Extraction in Mongolia and Cuba', Osteuropa-Institut, Freie Universität Berlin, 17 December 2025.

Conference paper, 'Friendship and Impunity: Soviet Privileges in Late-Socialist Mongolia', 5th International Conference *Mongolia and the Mongols: Past and Present*, Warsaw, 8–9 December 2025.

Conference paper, 'Extractivism, Single-Industry Town Planning, and Militarized Development in Erdenet, Mongolia', Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES), Washington, DC, November 2025.

Conference paper, 'Erdenet: Extractivism, Single-Industry Urbanism, and Militarized Development', International Council for Central and East European Studies (ICCEES), London, 23 July 2025.

Conference paper, 'Extractive Assistance: Copper Mining, Socialist Development and Urban Planning in Cold War Mongolia', international conference *Great Transformation of Nature: Extractivism, Terraforming and Monoculturalization in Global Socialisms*, UCL, London, 16–17 May 2024.

Conference paper, 'Joint Construction Projects of Comecon Member States: The Industrial Complex of Darkhan in Mongolia', British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies (BASEES), Cambridge, 5–7 April 2024.

Invited talk, 'Enabling Settler Colonialism: Soviet Housing Production in the Far North', research programme of the exhibition *Colonial Endurance: Detecting Algorithms of Violence in Infrastructures*, Nieuwe Instituut, Rotterdam, 2023.

Seminar talk, 'Space of Socialist Internationalism: Exchanges between Mongolia and Socialist Countries during the Cold War', Jordan Center for the Advanced Study of Russia, New York University, New York, 2023.

Panel response, *Toward a Multifaceted History of Architecture and Internationalism*, University of Exeter, 2023.

Conference paper, 'Enabling Settler Colonialism: Mobile Prefabricated Housing in the Arctic Region', European Association for Urban History (EAUH), Helsinki, 2023.

Conference paper, ‘Utopias of Standardisation: A Late-Soviet Vision for Housing Development’, Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES), Chicago, 2022.

Workshop paper, ‘Manufacturing *Khrushchevki*: Reconstructing Experimental Design Practices’, conference *Architecture at Work: Institutional Landscapes of Socialist Design and Construction*, Bauhaus-Universität Weimar, Weimar, 2022.

Symposium paper, ‘Architecture and Material Culture in Comecon: Mongolia and Socialist States during the Cold War’, symposium *Rethinking Socialist Space*, University of Oxford, Oxford, 2021.

Conference paper, ‘Second–Third World Architectural Engagements in Comecon: Technical Assistance to Mongolia’, Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES), New Orleans, 2021.

Seminar paper, ‘Mass Housing in the Soviet Union: Industrial Architecture and Its Socialist Life’, Russian and East European Studies, University of Oxford, Oxford, 2019.

Conference paper, ‘Youth Residential Complex: Self-Help Housing Construction in Late Socialism’, conference *Soviet Cosmologies and Ontologies, 1960s–1970s*, University of Westminster, London, 2018.

Conference paper, ‘Soviet Housing and the Regions’, European Architectural History Network (EAHN), Tallinn, 2018.

Invited talk, ‘“Socialist” and “Modernist” in the Soviet City’, National Centre for Contemporary Arts, Nizhnii Novgorod, 2018.

Workshop paper, ‘From Cheremushki to Collective Farm Settlements: Standard Prefabricated Housing in the USSR, 1956–1959’, Politecnico di Milano, Milan, 2017.

Invited talk, ‘Internationalisation of Soviet Architectural Practices in the 1960s: International Cooperation, Technical Assistance and Soviet Alternatives to Western Strategies of Development’, University of Manchester, Manchester, 2017.

Conference paper (with Ł. Stanek), ‘African Housing in Soviet Gift Economies’, Society of Architectural Historians (SAH), Glasgow, 2017.

CONFERENCE ORGANISATION

Panel organisation, ‘Development’, conference *Concrete and the Making of Eastern Europe: From Interimperial Networks to the International Socialist Division of Labor*, Zentralinstitut für Kunstgeschichte, Munich, January 2027.

Panel organisation (with Dr Tao Chen), ‘Beyond Solidarity: Revisiting Socialist Aid in the Global South’, Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES), Washington, DC, November 2025.

Panel organisation (with Dr Katja Bruisch), ‘Resource Extraction and the Company Town in Eurasia’, International Council for Central and East European Studies (ICCEES), London, July 2025.

Panel organisation (with Dr Ksenia Litvinenko), ‘Spaces and Imaginaries of Socialist Extractivism’, Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES), Boston, November 2024.

Panel organisation (with M. Sedighi), ‘Circulating Knowledge in the Cold War Periphery: The Architecture of Public Housing’; paper ‘Soviet Prefabricated Housing in Mongolia: Modes of Solidarity and Architectural Cooperation’, International Planning History Society (IPHS), Yokohama, 2018.

Conference organisation, ‘Modernist Frontiers: Then and Now’, Astana Contemporary Art Center, Astana, 2017.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES)

British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies (BASEES)

Association of Art Historians (AIS)

MANUSCRIPT REVIEWS

History: The Journal of the Historical Association

Oxford Review of Education

Central Asian Survey

Revue d’études comparatives Est-Ouest (RECEO)

LANGUAGES

Russian	Native speaker
English	Fluent
Portuguese	Fluent
German	Intermediate
Spanish	Reading