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The Phantasmagoria
of Everyday
Consumption
in Late Soviet
Culture
and Beyond

Dr. Andrew Chapman will discuss the fantastic and imaginative ways in which the notorious Soviet queues and Soviet consumer culture were depicted in fiction. In conditions of scarcity, Soviet objects of consumption acquired new meanings: products were repaired at no end, recycled, reused, and refashioned as trophies of the Soviet shopper's successful procurement of that item. The talk will also discuss what happens to the Soviet consumer legacy in a westernizing and globalizing world of the post-Soviet era.



Wednesday, November 6 Agnes Arnold Hall 210 4-5:30 pm.

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