

Global Social Justice Activism and Protest Movements: East Europe and Eurasia Resource Guide

Russia

- ***Putin v. the People: The Perilous Politics of a Divided Russia***
 - Samuel Greene and Graeme Robertson
 - For a comprehensive overview of state-society relations in Putin's Russia
 - [https://www.google.com/books/edition/Putin v the People/duSYDwAAQBAJ?hl=en&gbpv=0](https://www.google.com/books/edition/Putin+v+the+People/duSYDwAAQBAJ?hl=en&gbpv=0)
- **Alexei Navalny videos demonstrating official corruption:**
 - "Don't call him 'Dimon'"
 - About former prime minister Dmitri Medvedev
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qrwlk7_GF9g&t=62s
- **"Putin's Palace"**
 - Released shortly before Navalny's poisoning
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ipAnwilMncl&t=3281s>
- **Russia's New Political Momentum**
 - Gulnaz Sharafutdinova
 - About the Navalny-inspired protest movement
 - <https://www.internationalaffairs.org.au/australianoutlook/russias-new-political-momentum/>
- **Why Protests Keep Putin Up at Night**
 - Stephen Crowley
 - The fears of a strongman
 - <https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/russian-federation/2017-04-19/why-protests-keep-putin-night>
- **Putin's Labor Dilemma: Russian Politics between Stability and Stagnation**
 - [Coming soon! Shameless self-promotion! But 30% off with code 09FLYER !]
 - <https://www.cornellpress.cornell.edu/book/9781501756283/putin-s-labor-dilemma/#bookTabs=1>
- ***Protest in Putin's Russia***
 - Mischa Gabowitsch
 - <https://www.wiley.com/en-us/Protest+in+Putin%27s+Russia-p-9780745696263>

Ukraine

- **Ukraine Crisis: Timeline**
 - Events leading up to the 2014 Maidan Revolution and beyond

- (scroll from the bottom up)
- <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-26248275>
- **Why Ukraine’s Yanukovich Fell... Though Many Predicted He Wouldn’t**
 - Lucan Way
 - <https://www.ponarseurasia.org/ukraine-yanukovich-fell-predicted-wouldn/>
- **Inside the ‘Museum of Corruption’**
 - <https://www.nytimes.com/video/world/europe/100000002732759/inside-the-museum-of-corruption.html?searchResultPosition=1>

Belarus

- **Dictatorland: Belarus**
 - A whimsical take on a serious subject. The film was made before the 2020 anti-Lukashenko protests
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YMZ_tgLVqiE
- **The Belarus Protests and Russia: Lessons for “Big Brother”**
 - <https://www.ponarseurasia.org/the-belarus-protests-and-russia-lessons-for-big-brother/>
- **The Factory Joins the Square: Putin’s Nightmare Unfolds in Belarus**
 - Stephen Crowley
 - Will workers join with liberals demanding political freedoms?
 - <https://www.thenation.com/article/world/putin-belarus-protests/>
 - [PDF available if there is a paywall]

Pussy Riot

- **Riot Days**
 - Maria Alyokhina
 - Alyokhina’s account of her years in Russia’s criminal system following Pussy Riot’s arrest for the “Punk Prayer” performance.
 - <https://us.macmillan.com/books/9781250164926>
- ***Kicking the Kremlin: Russia's New Dissidents and the Battle to Topple Putin***
 - Marc Bennetts
 - Looks at the opposition movement in Russia and introduces a new generation of Russian dissidents.
 - <https://www.simonandschuster.com/books/Kicking-the-Kremlin/Marc-Bennetts/9781780743486>
- ***Pussy Riot: Speaking Punk to Power (Russian Shorts)***
 - Eliot Borenstein

- Looks at the history of Pussy Riot, who they are, what they're trying to achieve, and how they are frequently misunderstood by western media.
- <https://www.bloomsbury.com/us/pussy-riot-9781350113558/>
- **Words Will Break Cement: The Passion of Pussy Riot**
 - Masha Gessen
 - Contains Gessen's account of the members of Pussy Riot and their personal journeys that led to the creation of Pussy Riot.
 - <https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/314912/words-will-break-cement-by-masha-gessen/>
- **Rock/Music Writings**
 - Dan Graham
 - This doesn't necessarily focus on Pussy Riot, but this book contains writings about rock music and its cultural impact.
 - <https://primaryinformation.org/product/dan-graham/>
- **Revenge of the She-Punks: A Feminist Music History from Poly Styrene to Pussy Riot**
 - Vivien Goldman
 - Focuses on women in punk from the 1970s to contemporary musicians across the globe.
 - <https://utpress.utexas.edu/books/goldman-revenge-of-the-she-punks>
- **Postmodern Crises: from Lolita to Pussy Riot**
 - Mark Lipovetsky
 - The chapter "Pussy Riot as the Trickstar" is worth focusing on (Alicia Baca has a copy of this book she is willing to lend out if anyone is interested in reading it).
 - <https://academicstudiespress.com/arsrossica/postmodern-crises>
- **Pussy Riot!: A Punk Prayer For Freedom**
 - Pussy Riot
 - Contains English translations of the courtroom statements from the October 10 appeal, Pussy Riot's letters from prison, defense attorney closing arguments, poems, and various tributes to Pussy Riot.
 - https://www.harvard.com/book/pussy_riot_a_punk_prayer_for_freedom/
- **"What Pussy Riot's 'Punk Prayer' Really Said." (The Atlantic)**
 - Jeffrey Tayler
 - Contains an English translation of "Punk Prayer" (be warned, there's a lot of swearing if you're uncomfortable with that) and contains a brief analysis of its meaning.
 - www.theatlantic.com/international/archive/2012/11/what-pussy-riots-punk-prayer-really-said/264562/

- ***Read & Riot: A Pussy Riot Guide to Activism***
 - Nadya Tolokonnikova
 - Not necessarily an academic text, but an interesting read on activism from Pussy Riot's founder.
 - <https://www.harpercollins.com/products/read-riot-nadya-tolokonnikova?variant=32210077548578>