TWO REVOLUTIONS AND BEYOND (November 2-4, 2017)

The Bakhmeteff Archive and the Columbia University Slavic Department will hold an international conference, Two Revolutions and Beyond, on November 2-4, 2017. The conference is both intended to open a broad discussion on the global influence of the two Russian Revolutions (February and October 1917) and to initiate a series of events commemorating the 100th anniversary of the two revolutions. Organized by Tanya Chebotarev, Curator of the Bakhmeteff Archive of Russian and East European History and Culture of Columbia University, and Irina Reyfman, Professor of Russian Literature in the Columbia University Department of Slavic Languages and chair of the Bakhmeteff Faculty Committee, and sponsored by the Harriman Institute at Columbia University and The University Seminars, the conference will bring together literary scholars, historians, librarians, archivists, and members of the general public to discuss the written and printed legacy of the epoch that followed those historic events. The conference will be accompanied by an exhibition at the Rare Book and Manuscript Library. The exhibition and the conference have similar goals. The exhibition will celebrate the role and importance of Russian émigré collections in the United States, documenting their role in preserving records of the past, making them available for scholarship, and exploring their importance in area studies programs in American universities. The conference will provide a forum for discussing scholarly achievements in the field of Russian studies and stimulate dialogues across institutional, national, and disciplinary boundaries.