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My interests are the study of totalitarian movements and regimes with a focus on the Soviet polity; population politics; the Second World War; and modern mass violence. My current research is on the KGB and the Soviet surveillance state.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS & PROJECTS



Landscaping the Human Garden: Twentieth-Century Population Management in a Comparative Framework

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For centuries, human perfection has been a powerful goal, but only in the twentieth century were national states able to achieve the capacity to...



Making Sense of War: The Second World War and the Fate of the Bolshevik Revolution Amir Weiner

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Getting to Know You: Soviet Surveillance and Its Uses, 1939-1957 Amir Weiner

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Foreign Media and the Soviet Western Frontier: Accounts of the Hungarian and Czechoslovak Crises

The book examines the role of Western broadcasting to the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe during the Cold War, with a focus on Radio Free Europe and...



Robust Revolution to Retiring Revolution: The Life Cycle of the Soviet Revolution, 1945-1968 Amir Weiner

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KGB: Ruthless Sword, Imperfect Shield (forthcoming, 2015)

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