At the time of the Soviet collapse in 1991, environmental degradation in Russian industrial areas – often described as “the Soviet ecocide” – received massive attention in Western countries. Environmental activism also played an important role as a vehicle for internal public unrest in the final years of the Soviet era. Despite such international and domestic attention to the issue, Russian environmental practices have not changed significantly since 1991. This seminar takes a closer look at the failed international efforts to curb transboundary emissions from the nickel industry in Northwest-Russia, identifies some key Soviet approaches to industrial pollution, and discusses whether these approaches are still shaping Russian environmental governance.

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