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What year is it in Russia anyway? Is history any use in understanding Putin's realm?

Come and join the newly established **Aarhus Seminars in Russian Studies**.

The first meeting takes place on ***Wednesday March 16, 2016 at 13:15 in building 1453, room 131 (Nobelparken)*** with a guest lecture (sponsored by Department of Global Studies) and a discussion to follow.

Matthew Dal Santo, PostDoc at the Saxo Institute in Copenhagen will deliver a talk entitled '**What year is it in Russia anyway? Is history any use in understanding Putin's realm?**'

In his talk, Matthew will compare the historical analogies used by Western governments and press to explain the crisis in relations with Russia over Ukraine with those employed by the Kremlin and Russian media. In so doing, he will ask which period of Russian history - Soviet, Imperial, even medieval - does most to illuminate the forces behind the country's present domestic and foreign affairs and conclude by wondering why in the West professional historians have been relatively unwilling to join the debate.

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