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*End Of The Peasantry: The Rural Labor Movement in Northeast Brazil, (Pitt Latin American Series) [Anthony W. Pereira] on www.enganchecubano.com *FREE* shipping on qualifying offers. The rural labor movement played a surprisingly active role in Brazil's transition to democracy in the s.*

The term muzhik, or moujik Russian: According to the Russkaya Pravda , a princely smerd had limited property and personal rights. His escheat was given to the prince and his life was equated with that of the kholop , meaning his murder was punishable by a fine of five grivnas. Thirteenth to fifteenth centuries[edit] In the 13th to 15th centuries, feudal dependency applied to a significant number of peasants , but serfdom as we know it was still not a widespread phenomenon. The Sudebnik of officially confirmed this time limit as universal for everybody and also established the amount of the "break-away" fee called pozhiloye . The legal code of Ivan III of Russia , Sudebnik , strengthened the dependency of peasants, statewide, and restricted their mobility. The Russians persistently battled against the successor states of the Golden Horde , chiefly the Khanate of Crimea. Annually the Russian population of the borderland suffered from Tatar invasions and tens of thousands of noblemen protected the southern borderland a heavy burden for the state , which slowed its social and economic development and expanded the taxation of peasantry. Transition to full serfdom[edit] The Sudebnik of increased the amount of pozhiloye and introduced an additional tax called za povoz , or transportation fee , in case a peasant refused to bring the harvest from the fields to his master. These also defined the so-called fixed years , urochniye leta , or the 5-year time frame for search of the runaway peasants. In , a new ukase defined sanctions for hiding and keeping the runaways: The Sobornoye Ulozhenie , "Code of Law" of gave serfs to estates, and in , flight was made a criminal offense. Russian landowners eventually gained almost unlimited ownership over Russian serfs. The major landowners of the country, however, together with the dvoryane of the south, were interested in a short-term persecution due to the fact that many runaways would usually flee to the southern parts of Russia. During the first half of the 17th century the dvoryane sent their collective petitions , chelobitniye to the authorities, asking for the extension of the "fixed years". In , the Russian government established a year limit for search of the runaways and year limit for search for peasants taken away by their new owners. The Sobornoye Ulozhenie introduced an open-ended search for those on the run, meaning that all of the peasants who had fled from their masters after the census of or " had to be returned. The government would still introduce new time frames and grounds for search of the runaways after , which applied to the peasants who had fled to the outlying districts of the country, such as regions along the border abatises called zasechniye linii ukases of and , Siberia ukases of , and , Don etc. The dvoryane constantly demanded that the search for the runaways be sponsored by the government. The legislation of the second half of the 17th century paid much attention to the means of punishment of the runaways. Serfdom was hardly efficient; serfs and nobles had little incentive to improve the land. However, it was politically effective. Nobles rarely challenged the tsar for fear of provoking a peasant uprising. Serfs had lifelong tenancy on their plots so they tended to be conservative as well. The serfs took little part in uprisings; it was the Cossacks and nomads who rebelled. Rebellions[edit] Vengeance of Serfs. Engraving by Charles Michel Geoffroy, There were numerous rebellions against this bondage, most often in conjunction with Cossack uprisings, such as the uprisings of Ivan Bolotnikov "07 , Stenka Razin "71 , Kondraty Bulavin "09 and Yemelyan Pugachev " While the Cossack uprisings benefited from disturbances among the peasants, and they in turn received an impetus from Cossack rebellion, none of the Cossack movements were directed against the institution of serfdom itself. Instead, peasants in Cossack-dominated areas became Cossacks, thus escaping from the peasantry rather than directly organizing peasants against the institution. Between the end of the Pugachev rebellion and the beginning of the 19th century, there were hundreds of outbreaks across Russia, and there was never a time when the peasantry was completely quiescent. Russian army raids[edit] The Polish historian, Jerzy Czajewski , wrote that the Russian peasants were escaping from Russia to the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth in significant enough numbers to become a major concern for the Russian Government and sufficient to play a role in its decision to partition the Commonwealth. Slavery

remained a legally recognized institution in Russia until , when Peter the Great converted the household slaves into house serfs. Russian agricultural slaves were formally converted into serfs earlier in . The private owners of the serfs regarded the law as a mere formality. Instead of "sale of a peasant" the papers would advertise "servant for hire" or similar. In fact, this trade in landless serfs regarded as a mere chattel flourished all the way up until the total abolition of serfdom in , although the loose framework of the Russian legal system and a lack of law enforcement meant that slave trade in some remote eastern Russian provinces survived until much later period. One particular source of indignation in Europe was Kolokol published in London, England 1765 and Geneva 1767. It collected many cases of horrendous physical, emotional and sexual abuse of the serfs by the landowners. Eighteenth and nineteenth centuries[edit] Peter III created two measures in that influenced the abolition of serfdom. He ended mandatory military service for nobles with the abolition of compulsory noble state service. This provided a rationale to end serfdom. Second, was the secularization of the church estates, which transferred its peasants and land to state jurisdiction. These policies failed to aid famines in the early nineteenth century due to estate owner negligence. Obstacles included the failure of abolition in Austria and the political reaction against the French Revolution. Cautiously, he extended the right to own land to most classes of subjects, including state-owned peasants, in and created a new social category of "free agriculturalist", for peasants voluntarily emancipated by their masters, in . The great majority of serfs were not affected. The conscripted serfs dramatically increased the size of the Russian military. Compared to Western Europe it was clear that Russia was at an economic disadvantage. European philosophers during the Age of Enlightenment criticized serfdom and compared it to medieval labor practices which were almost non-existent in the rest of continent. Most Russian Nobles were not interested in change toward western labor practices that Catherine the Great proposed. Instead they preferred to mortgage serfs for profit. They received no land in the emancipation. In , Ukrainian landlords were banned from selling serfs apart from land. In , landless nobles were banned also. Emancipation reform of In , , and serfdom was abolished in Estland , Courland , and Livonia respectively [20]. However all the land stayed in noble hands and labor rent lasted till . Landless workers had to ask permission to leave an estate. The nobility was too weak to oppose the emancipation of the serfs. In a fifth of the serfs were mortgaged, half by . Using her close relationship with her nephew Alexander II, she supported and guided his desire for emancipation, and helped mobilize the support of key advisors. Serfdom was abolished in , but its abolition was achieved on terms not always favorable to the peasants and served to increase revolutionary pressures. Between and serfdom was abolished in Georgia. In Kalmykia serfdom was only abolished in . The rest were in the barren north and in Astrakhan. In the whole Empire, peasant land declined 4. Serf mobility was heavily restricted, which did not leave many options in choosing a spouse. To make things harder, there were three main constraints on the marriage of serfs. The entire empire had to follow rules put into place by the Tsar and the Church , landowners imposed restrictions for their estates, and finally families and communities established certain guidelines and influence. The Russian Orthodox Church had many rules regarding marriage that were strictly observed by the population. For example, marriage was not allowed to take place during times of fasting, the eve or day of a holiday, during the entire week of Easter , or for two weeks after Christmas. Before the abolition of serfdom in , marriage was strictly prohibited on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. Because of these firm rules most marriages occurred in the months of January, February, October, and November. After the emancipation the most popular marrying months were July, October, and November. The minimum age to marry was 13 years old for women, and 15 for men. After the female and male ages were raised to 16 and 18 respectively. To marry over the age of 60, the serf had to receive permission, but marriage over the age of 80 was forbidden. The Church also did not approve marriages with large age differences. Prior to serfs were not allowed to marry serfs from other estates. After the rules relaxed slightly, but in order for a family to give their daughter to a husband in another estate they had to apply and present information to their landowner ahead of time. If a serf wanted to marry a widow , then emancipation and death certificates were to be handed over and investigated for authenticity by their owner before a marriage could take place. Marriage was important for families economically and socially. Parents were in charge of finding suitable spouses for their children in order to help the family, and were not interested in true love when there were mouths to feed and fields to tend. Upon

marriage, the bride came to live with her new husband and his family, so she needed to be ready to assimilate and work hard. At a younger age there is less chance of the individual falling in love with someone other than whom his or her parents chose. There is also increased assurance of chastity, which was more important for women than men. The average age of marriage for women was around 19 years old. The younger generations now had the freedom to work off their estates; some even went to work in factories. These younger peasants had access to newspapers and books, which introduced them to more radical ways of thinking. The ability to work outside of the household gave the younger peasants independence as well as a wage to do with what they wanted. Agricultural and domestic jobs were a group effort, so the wage went to the family. The children who worked industrial jobs gave their earnings to their family as well, but some used it as a way to gain a say in their own marriages. In this case some families allowed their sons to marry whom they chose as long as the family was in similar economic standing as their own. No matter what, parental approval was required in order to make a marriage legal. In regards to ownership, the husband assumes the property plus any funds required to make additions to the property. Additions include fence, barns, and wagons. While primary purchasing power belongs to the husband, the wife was expected to buy certain items. She was also expected to buy household items such as bowls, plates, pots, barrels and various utensils. Wives were also required to purchase cloth and make clothes for the family by spinning and using a duntse.

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The End of Peasantry? examines the dramatic recent decline of agriculture in post-Soviet Russia. Historically, Russian farmers have encountered difficulties relating to the sheer abundance of land, the vast distances between population centers, and harsh environmental conditions.

And the same can be said for peasant-based political movements. Not only are large numbers of rural people engaged in struggles over longstanding peasant demands for land, credit and technical assistance, but peasants have been at the forefront of unprecedented confrontations with governments, international agencies and multinational corporations over a multitude of issues, including land reform, free trade and biotechnology policies. In some countries, large and small farmers have united to press sectoral demands for price supports or access to markets, while in others large landowners routinely hire gunmen to assassinate squatters and peasant leaders. The rural upheavals of recent decades are not easily pigeonholed in an arid taxonomy of "identity" versus "class-based" organizations, or "new" or "old" social movements. The pro-peasant or campesinista left once spoke of "the peasant movement" as if all peasant movements in all parts of Latin America shared similar objectives, forms of organization and constituencies. The phrase shifted easily and imperceptibly from convenient shorthand expression to bedrock analytical category, concealing the tremendous variation within and between movements, as well as disputes, divisions and dropouts—for, in contrast to the epic accounts that have peppered the publications of the pro-peasant left since the s, many movements lose adherents along the way, sometimes faster than they gain new ones. Heroic portrayals of contemporary social movements have also tended to present unproblematical views of how organizing takes place. Stories about "the movement" have frequently assumed high levels of agreement among leaders, as well as congruence between the aspirations of leaders and grassroots participants. In this reactive conception of human agents, the role of organizing as a purposeful, long-term process can slip out of view, as can the very important part that organizations play in social movement activity. Nor are movement activists always exemplary; more than a few end up suffering burnout, engaging in corruption or exhausting their political energies in factional battles which have little relation to the broader objectives they claim to pursue. Fortunately, activists and scholars increasingly appreciate that real episodes of collective action are vastly more complicated than is suggested in some of the left media or "new social movements" literature. At the other extreme, for many technocrats and social scientists, it no longer makes any sense at all to speak of "peasants" or "peasant movements. First, almost everywhere, the rural poor depend on nonagricultural activities for a significant and growing portion of their income. Third, the rural poor of today typically participate in a range of cultural practices—from dress and music to technology—that implicate them in a thoroughly modern, or even postmodern, world. While the "peasant" concept may need rethinking, however, designations such as "campesino" and "small farmer" remain a significant aspect of the self-identification of the protagonists of many rural movements. This would argue for taking such labels seriously as significant cultural and political categories even if they are not always very serviceable analytical ones. The argument that the "peasant" classification ought to be jettisoned rests ultimately on the idea that an individual cannot be both a peasant and sophisticated or modern at the same time. This antinomy has, of course, a long history in Marxism and the social sciences. Some, like Redfield, had posited "low cognitive capacity" as a "universal" peasant "trait," while others suggested that peasants were "out of touch with the modern trends of [the] nation. Writing about Ecuador, geographer Anthony Bebbington points out that when rural people incorporate new ideas and technologies into their practices, they may see this as a sign that they are more distant from a time when they were oppressed, that they are becoming empowered in their relations with other social groups, and that they are claiming rights of access to resources and knowledges previously closed off to them. Urban and rural culture have also converged. This is not just because of rural-urban migration or electronic media reaching into the countryside—with televisions powered by automobile batteries bringing national newscasts and ads for stylish boutiques into candle-lit homes in remote zones beyond the electric grid. In much of Latin America, a significant proportion of the economically active population in agriculture now resides in urban areas and a growing portion of the economically active

rural population is engaged in nonagricultural activities. Unable to compete with capitalist agriculture because of problems of productivity, scale, and access to capital, markets and technology, peasants would have to abandon the land and become wage workers or part of the unemployed "reserve army" of labor. These "descampesinistas," generally sympathetic to the Mexican Communist Party, believed this melding of the peasantry into the working class was a step forward, since most of Latin America had many more peasants than proletarians. The newly proletarianized would presumably recognize their "true," revolutionary class interests, something impossible as long as they retained access to land and "petty bourgeois," entrepreneurial values. Anthropologist Roger Bartra even suggested that "the Mexican peasantry, as we know it today, is an invention of the bourgeoisie, which engendered it in its own image and likeness. Some campesinistas indicated that women were disproportionately responsible for generating this subsidy, through unwaged household, artisanal and subsistence production which permitted men to temporarily leave farming and enter the wage-labor force. Key campesinista theorists emphasized that while peasant households did not operate according to the same profitability criteria as capitalist firms, they nonetheless employed creative and flexible methods of allocating scarce resources. In rural Morelos, for example, Arturo Warman described the unity of the "modern" and the "traditional" in rural production as a "devilish dialectic. Descampesinistas marshalled census data that showed a rapid growth of the "landless peasantry," while campesinistas argued that apparently landless people frequently had access to land through family members or informal tenure arrangements. In Mexico, as in much of Latin America, it appeared to many that this time the peasantry really was going to succumb to a free market onslaught far more ferocious than that which had provoked the debate nearly 20 years earlier. The state may have diminished its size and activities, but it still remains a fount of resources in a situation of extreme scarcity, a potential source of amelioration for specific problems and an essential element in the political legitimization—as well as the certification, licensing, even incorporation—of "new social subjects" who seek to survive by engaging the market. State agencies in various places in Latin America have demonstrated that the old practice of co-opting or "mediating" popular movements is alive and well, despite ongoing fiscal austerity. Both state officials and movement leaders may also stand to gain by the substitution of prolonged negotiations for militant actions and threats of disturbances. Part of the reason why organization leaders may stand to gain less from immediate results than from never-ending negotiations with the state has to do with a third aspect of contemporary social movement practice that is increasingly widespread in Latin America and elsewhere. Social movements are frequently "mediated" not only by the state, but by the vast numbers of NGOs that now pervade the Third World landscape. Some effectively foster development or the building of new civil society structures, while others assume functions that used to be carried out by government. Others simply provide a comfortable living for their directors, typically professionals "downsized" from public-sector agencies. A fourth and final generalization may be ventured about contemporary Latin American rural movements. This is an age when at least some campesinos routinely use computers as political and economic tools, when indigenous people attend universities, when the discourses and sometimes the practices of environmentalism penetrate the countryside, and when poor rural people rooted in particular places have nonetheless traveled and lived elsewhere. Much discussion of such "hybrid" phenomena comes perilously close to making peasants or Indians with computers, camcorders or law degrees a new kind of "exotic other," with a charming combination of sophistication and primitiveness. All these discussions have had powerful reverberations in Central America, though during the civil conflicts of the 1980s and 1990s these were faint in comparison with more pressing polemics over war and human rights. As peace returned to the isthmus, and development was once more on the agenda, the debate over the fate of the peasantry resumed. Nonetheless, several tendencies appeared undeniable to those on all sides of the discussion: In much of the region the proportion of the economically active population working in agriculture was declining; the percentage of rural household income derived from agriculture was also falling; and migration from rural to urban areas was accelerating. Yet while these processes would seem to confirm old predictions about the demise of the peasantry under capitalism, several countervailing trends were also evident. First, rural households diversified their already diverse survival practices, combining artisanal, rural and urban, informal and proletarian activities, and producing a bewildering mix of agricultural products, often for both household

consumption and for high-priced markets, domestic and foreign. Second, migration to cities often figured in overall household strategy not as a permanent transition for the entire unit, but as a temporary expedient for one or a few members, intended to generate remittances for maintaining a base, however tenuous, in the countryside. This reflected the widespread realization that living standards and social status for the poorest of the poor in the cities—those sleeping in the streets, in the squalid markets, or in shacks on the urban periphery—compared unfavorably with those of poor rural dwellers. While the Costa Rican focus may attract little attention elsewhere, this careful study does draw several significant conclusions. To explain this mix of contradictory tendencies, we may distinguish between two groups within the landed peasantry. On the one hand, there are peasant units capable of accumulating capital and competing in commercial agriculture, even under difficult conditions. On the other hand, there are "sub-family" units which form a "refuge sector" and whose number varies inversely with economic growth. The second group—the "refuge sector"—expands and contracts depending on the availability of other options. Economists might describe these peasants as having to estimate the trade-off between the potential income generated from their plots of land and the opportunity cost of their labor. This invocation of a coolly calculating homo economicus, however, conceals more complicated cultural, psychological and even economic dimensions of the problem. The instability of waged employment sometimes keeps alive and strengthens campesino aspirations. Campesino migrants and the working-class and informal-sector descendants of campesinos with an insecure and subordinate position in the urban labor market may be less likely to develop a proletarian consciousness than to crave the self-sufficiency and autonomy which they imagine—rightly or wrongly—that they or their ancestors once enjoyed. Until a model of development offers sustained employment at adequate wages or a stable and remunerative insertion in the urban informal sector, their dreams will, at least during economic contractions, continue to focus on land and the countryside. Writing in *Pig Earth*, his lyrical paean to rural France, John Berger captures better than many academic theorists the dilemmas of a social group that struggles to reinvent itself in each generation. The word survivor has two meanings. It denotes somebody who has survived an ordeal. And it also denotes a person who has continued to live when others disappeared or perished. How do peasants think or feel about the future? Because their work involves intervening in or aiding an organic process most of their actions are future-oriented. The planting of a tree is an obvious example, but so, equally, is the milking of a cow: Everything they do is anticipatory—and therefore never finished. They envisage this future, to which they are forced to pledge their actions, as a series of ambushes. Ambushes of risks and dangers. Many of the perils are clear to them, but they also know there will be unanticipated ambushes. Steeling themselves to weather this onslaught is the stuff of everyday activity, a process of constantly reinventing themselves in new situations. It means assuring in large and small ways, as campesinos and landless workers continue to proclaim: He is author of *Peasants Against Globalization*: Alvarez, Evelina Dagnino and Arturo Escobar eds. Pluto Press, , p. International Publishers, , p. *A Mexican Village* Chicago: University of Chicago Press , pp. Stanford University Press, , p. Anthony Bebbington, "Movements, Modernizations, and Markets: Environment, Development, Social Movements" London: Routledge, , pp. Routledge and Kegan Paul, , chapter 5. Editorial *Campesina*, , p. Gutkind and Phyllis Brazier, eds. *Monthly Review Press*, *Y venimos a contradecir: Los campesinos de Morelos y el estado nacional Mexico*: La Casa Chata, , p. Armando Bartra, *Los herederos de Zapata*: Alvarez, Evelina Dagnino and Arturo Escobar, eds. *Journal of International Studies*, Vol. Vintage, , p.

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"The End of the Peasantry is a solid contribution to an important and growing body of literature focusing on the Brazilian countryside in the decades following the military coup.

Known as the Russian Empire, a term coined by Peter I the Great, this time period is an era of reform for the peasant serfs in the Russian countryside. In this research guide, the period of time attempted to be covered is between , at the beginning of what is known as the Russian Empire, and the year , when under the rule of czar Alexander II serfdom was abolished. Many elements influenced this turn of events for serfs, from Enlightenment ideas that found their way into the Russian crown to general apathy towards American slavery at the time. Nevertheless, this research guide does not focus mainly on the end of serfdom, but on compiling information about the lives of peasant serfs before the year . The main purpose of this page is to compile information, primary sources, and historical analysis that presents Russian peasants as socio-economic beings, whose lives -otherwise seen as insignificant- made the pages of history and influenced the writings of literary circles at the time. *Agricultural Economy in Rural Russia Serfdom*, as any form of feudalism, was based on an agrarian economy. Each field was divided into strips and each family given so many strips in each field according either to the number of male workers in the family or the number of mouths to feed. *Watters* presents a picture of the world of the peasant cultivator and his deep relationship with the land he worked. The author of this chapter focuses on the village commune *obshchina* or *mir* as an institution that governed peasant life, assessing his obligations towards his land and his lord, and guarding his rights. *Stanford University Press*, *Spanning from the rule of Peter I to the rule of Alexander II*, *Blum* provides a complex analysis on the statistics of crop cultivation, comparing Russian serf production to other areas of Europe. At the same time, the author gives a substantial portrayal of the poor technological conditions under which both serfs and half-free peasants had to work under, among other things. From this journal article, the reader will get a view of serfdom both from an agricultural and economic perspective. In this article, *Sunderland* provides an analysis on government-issued reforms, forced migration patterns, and the impact these produced on peasant everyday-life, all this provided through analysis of archives of the time. Furthermore, one can be able to establish a connection between the needs of the state and how these affected serfs, both economically and socially. *State Standard Resettlement in Imperial Russia*, s. On the contrary, different conditions of social life and the economy of the time came together to give way to this type of feudalism. The source is in Russian. *Princeton University Press*, *Peasant Society and Politics* The peasantry had a culture of its own, often very different to the French speaking and western educated one of their masters. This culture was based round village life, the seasons of the agricultural year, folklore and the church. Many historians, following commentators like *Belinsky* or *Stepniak Kravchinsky* , have argued that the Orthodox church had little real impact on peasant life, apart from their carrying out the fasts and rituals, and that peasants were superstitious and illiterate and not genuinely religious. In this essay, *Mary Matossian* provides a description of the peasant way of life under normal conditions around , on the eve of emancipation. She covers various aspects of peasant life, like housing, economy, diet, fashion, family life, and village life. *Petersburg*, from a sociological point of view. *Dennison Tracy*, and *Steve Nafzinger*. *Tarasov* manages to recollect different aspects of how serfdom came about, the conditions under which they had to live in, among other things. *Rodney Bohac* goes on to examine the actions of serfs living on an early-nineteenth-century Russian estate, through petitions and managerial reports sent from the estate to the absentee owner. Furthermore, the author wants to show how peasants used forms of resistance -dissimulation, petty theft, work slowdowns, and flight- to mitigate the effects of money rent *obrok*. *Bohac* also presents how these forms of resistance did have effects on the production of crops during the s and s. *Four Russian Serf Narratives* This book gathers four narratives composed by Russian serfs, either during serfdom or after the emancipation of serfs. The first one, composed in , relates the story of *Nikolai Smirnov* in his own words after being caught trying to escape his lord. The second story is more of poetic prose written by an anonymous peasant known as *Petr O*. The third story comes from ex-serf *Nikolai Shipov* , in which he accounts his attempts to escape from being bonded to a lord, and

finally ending in his escape. The book ends with a story told from the perspective of an ex-serf woman, M. Vasilieva, in which he narrates her life as a girl under serfdom. Besides being conveniently translated from Russian to English, this compilation offers first-hand accounts of serfs from different areas of the country and under different, individual conditions. *Four Russian Serf Narratives*. University of Wisconsin Press, *Life Under Russian Serfdom: The Memoirs of Savva Dmitrievich Purlevskii*, This is the memoir of Savva Dmitrievich Purlevskii, who wrote his life story after his death in. In this book, he narrates his entire life, a man that lead a rather ordinary life as a serf. This is a story of how he manages to escape serfdom to become a merchant, and these experiences are retrospectively told once he is outside of the village life and free from the hold of his lord. Purlevskii, Savva Dmitrievich, and Boris B. *A Life Under Russian Serfdom: Memoirs of Savva Dmitrievich Purlevskii*, Central European University Press, Through their art, one can open yet another window into peasant-serf life in this time period. *Peasants, Serfs, Soldiers* Serfs, as it usually happened in a feudal system, could be conscripted and sent off to war by their lords. In this segment tries to collected different sources that portray serfs as soldiers of Imperial Russia, collecting different media content and pieces of historical analysis. In this essay, John S. Curtiss goes on to portray an image of a Russian army that was mostly composed of peasant-serfs. Unlike the Russian army troops that were controlled by the government during the s, this peasant army was one composed of serfs that had strong aversion for the army, its harsh discipline, and brutal treatment, which usually resulted in desertions and suicides among serfs. As the lyrics show, when he returns to his home, he finds his beloved wife to be dead and the life he once had completely changed and ruined. Lyrics in both English and Russian provided. Translation of Lyrics to English: Your wif is in the cold ground, Under the birch tree, five years now. Young wine, he asked to be brought. While in the large scale they marked the victory of Europe against Napoleon Bonaparte at the Battle of Waterloo, it also marked the lives of thousands of serfs-turned-soldiers. In this webpage, one can learn the hardships serfs had to withstand, and the discipline -among many other things- they had to undergo to serve czar, lord, and country.

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If you are searched for the book by Anthony W. Pereira End Of The Peasantry: The Rural Labor Movement in Northeast Brazil, (Pitt Latin American Studies) in pdf form, then you have.

In lieu of an abstract, here is a brief excerpt of the content: Robert Argenbright The End of Peasantry? The Disintegration of Rural Russia. University of Pittsburgh Press, The authors depict a landscape marked by growing social and spatial polarization. For many farms this is a "transition" toward oblivion. Yet where conditions are favorable rural communities not only endure, but thrive. The authors argue that soil fertility, climate, and market access are the main prerequisites for success. Trying to explain the Russian countryside to foreign readers, perhaps most of whom have never been on any kind of farm, the authors start with broad strokes and gradually work toward a more nuanced picture. The complicated mix of types of farming is explained well, especially the survival of de facto collective farms in a, more or less, market-based economy. In Russia today we are witnessing a historic reversal of agricultural colonization. Russians are still connected to the countryside-many were born there and most have some sort of access to land there. Yet away from the cities, especially in the "non-chernozem" zone-roughly the northern half of European Russia-rural communities are dying out. Following centuries of expansion, farms all over what the authors call the "inner periphery" are returning to forest. The [End Page] sparse, aging rural population in the north is simply incapable of maintaining their fields and herds. The authors draw on a mixed bag of concepts from human geography and Russian history, some of which may have exceeded their shelf-life. Environmental determinism in the US became a "scientific" justification for racism. Perhaps after the "theory" was rejected scholars were too cowed to explore some aspects of the human: The authors set up their statistical analyses based on the idea that climate, soil, and proximity to urban areas matter. They found that, indeed, these factors are crucial. In the non-chernozem region, location with respect to urban areas appears to be the determining factor as regards successful farming, whereas in the south soil fertility and climate are most important. Yet these geographical factors do not explain everything. The authors had to cite an additional factor, ethnicity, which was not incorporated in their theory or methodology. This is the main shortcoming of the book. A look at rural Old Believer or Russian Baptist communities might help clarify in this regard. This one criticism aside, this is a very well-written book based on an exhaustive, well-constructed study of a complex topic. The possible "end of peasantry" in Russia is social history in the making, and therefore I highly recommend this book to the readers of this journal.

5: End of the peasantry: the rural labor movement in Northeast Brazil,

End Of The Peasantry has 2 ratings and 0 reviews. The rural labor movement played a surprisingly active role in Brazil's transition to democracy in the 1.

The majority of the people in the Middle Ages were peasants. Though "peasant" is a word of loose application, once a market economy had taken root, the term peasant proprietors was frequently used to describe the traditional rural population in countries where smallholders farmed much of the land. Medieval European peasants[edit] The open field system of agriculture dominated most of northern Europe during medieval times and endured until the nineteenth century in many areas. Under this system, peasants lived on a manor presided over by a lord or a bishop of the church. Peasants paid rent or labor services to the lord in exchange for their right to cultivate the land. Fallow land, pastures, forests, and wasteland were held in common. The open field system required cooperation among the peasants of the manor. The relative position of peasants in Western Europe improved greatly after the Black Death had reduced the population of medieval Europe in the mid-th century: In the wake of this disruption to the established order, later centuries saw the invention of the printing press, the development of widespread literacy and the enormous social and intellectual changes of the Enlightenment. The evolution of ideas in an environment of relatively widespread literacy laid the groundwork for the Industrial Revolution , which enabled mechanically and chemically augmented agricultural production while simultaneously increasing the demand for factory workers in cities, who became what Karl Marx called the proletariat. The trend toward individual ownership of land, typified in England by Enclosure , displaced many peasants from the land and compelled them, often unwillingly, to become urban factory -workers, who came to occupy the socio-economic stratum formerly the preserve of the medieval peasants. This process happened in an especially pronounced and truncated way in Eastern Europe. Lacking any catalysts for change in the 14th century, Eastern European peasants largely continued upon the original medieval path until the 18th and 19th centuries. Serfdom was abolished in Russia in , and while many peasants would remain in areas where their family had farmed for generations, the changes did allow for the buying and selling of lands traditionally held by peasants, and for landless ex-peasants to move to the cities. The proportion of serfs within the empire had gradually decreased "from percent at the end of the eighteenth century, to They belonged to a corporate body and helped to manage the community resources and to monitor community life. Inside the family the patriarch made all the decisions, and tried to arrange advantageous marriages for his children. In Prussia, the peasants drew lots to choose conscripts required by the army. The noblemen handled external relationships and politics for the villages under their control, and were not typically involved in daily activities or decisions. He based his findings on school records, migration patterns, military-service documents and economic trends. Weber argued that until or so a sense of French nationhood was weak in the provinces. Weber then looked at how the policies of the Third Republic created a sense of French nationality in rural areas. Use of the term for Chinese farmers[edit] See also: Agriculture in China Farmers in China have been sometimes referred to as "peasants" in English-language sources. Mote and others have shown how especially during the later imperial era Ming and Qing dynasties , China was notable for the cultural, social, political, and economic interpenetration of city and countryside. Likewise, with this development Westerners found it all the more "natural" to apply their own historically derived images of the peasant to what they observed or were told in China. The idea of the peasant remains powerfully entrenched in the Western perception of China to this very day. Modern Western writers often continue to use the term peasant for Chinese farmers, typically without ever defining what the term means. Maimonides gives five definitions of Hebrew terms found in Jewish scripture, that discuss foolishness and wisdom, they are, in ascending order: The definition of the Hebrew term bur is extracted by Maimonides from the phrase sedeh bur, [20] [21] which translates as an "uncultivated field". Hillel used to say: A boor cannot be sin-fearing and an ignoramus cannot be pious; a bashful person cannot learn and a quick tempered person cannot teach. Not everyone who increases belongings is wise and in a place where there are no [Royal] men, try to be a [Royal] man.

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will be luckier than I was. The wind blows through the provinces whispering that once cannot be fully Indonesian until one has seen Jakarta. A modern city, with modern ways and urban conveniences is a concretization of revolutionary aspirations, affording education, material comforts and an escape from ennui, or so it is hoped. The idea of creating counter-magnets of small towns around Jakarta thus goes back to the era of early decolonization,²⁰ but the aftermath of and its pervasive concern over security could be seen as the turning point for the implementation of such spatial politics of urbanization. The Communist Party, with remarkable success in mobilizing peasant interests was decimated, many of its members killed and imprisoned in a series of frightful terrors. The slaughter of over , people many of whom were peasants, workers and activists supportive of the Indonesian left mostly in rural areas of Java and Sumatra had radically changed the village and prompted waves of migration to the city. Ali Sadikin, the governor of Jakarta who served in the first decade of Suharto regime noted in his memoir that the influx of migrants permanent or temporary to the capital city was overwhelming especially 18 Most analysis estimates the number of people slaughtered to be between , and 2 millions. In addition, over 10, were detained for more than ten years. The killings and arrests mostly took place in the rural areas. Robert Cribb, *The Indonesian Killings of Studies from Java and Bali*, Melbourne: University of Wisconsin Press, Cornell University Press, The communist party leader, D. Aidit, who must have picked up the sophisticated view of the peasantry from Marx, Lenin and Mao Tse Tung, had a nuanced definition of the peasants which in some ways helped determine the target of violence. As I will argue in the next sections, during the midst the formation of the peri-urban became a space for the containment of migrant labor from the countryside; and this move was due in large measure to the aftermath of the terrors, in which the governing rural bodies became heavily monitored by rapid spatial and political disciplinary actions. I will return to this issue, but for now it is sufficient to say that Sadikin was appointed by Sukarno , but he worked in the force field of Suharto who assumed power in *Demi Jakarta, , Bang Ali: For Jakarta, , Jakarta: Pustaka Sinar Harapan, Theories, Experiences and Policies. Oxford University Press, p. Academic Theories and Political Practices. Lit Verlag Munster, Institute of Social Studies. Peasants fighting against rural demons: A short report from research on the conditions of peasants and their movements in West Java. Likewise, many village heads lurah were replaced by veterans or recently deactivated members of the army. To further buttress government hegemony in the countryside, the army created its own hierarchical structure parallel to the territorial units of local and regional government. Thus, all levels of civilian government from the province down to the village area are now complemented by a counterpart army command with functioning authority over the respective territorial jurisdiction. In , two years after the regime change, President Suharto laid out his new development plan on agriculture: For the next five years, industrial development will be concentrated on those industries supporting agricultural development, such as manufacture of fertilizer, insecticide and farm implementsâ€. Increased use of fertilizer and insecticides will require outlays by farmers. Since their resources are very limited, finance may be a major obstacle. To meet this problem, plans have been made to establish village banks and village warehousesâ€. Government rural credit facilities will also be strengthened and extended. Additional finance may be provided by private domestic and foreign capital. Such companies could assist farmers by supplying fertilizers, insecticides, and farm implements on credits, and by providing training in the use of these implements, repayment to be made by delivery part of the additional production made possible by this assistance. A start has been made in this co- operation between farmers and private entrepreneurs. *Zelforganisatie in de Derde Wereld*, edited by J. With technology of productions and lands in the hands of corporations, managers and entrepreneurs, middle-lower end poor peasants have lost the capacity to control their own agricultural base. Often many peasants on the lower end of the rural hierarchy were thereby displaced if the police suspected them to have communist loyalties. The political capacity of the state and its rural elite was based on the mobilization of the militaristic and ideological discourses of stability and security. *Land and Labour in Rural West Java. Local Processes and the State in Southeast Asia. University of California Press,* Thus, programs to eliminate peasantry and to reduce the number of peasants could spontaneously initiate with ease by the state. For instance, as recorded by Ben White: In August Minister of Agriculture Affandi announced, seemingly out of the blue, that small farms of less than half a hectare and in a later phase, those of less than one hectare would be abolished: The deprived rural masses are floating*

politically because the government wants them to stay unorganized. Indonesia Before and After Suharto, London: Indonesia Before and After Suharto, ibid. Slamet, Cultural Strategies for Survival: The Plight of the Javanese. The Comparative Asian Studies Programme, It is worth remembering that in the past the people in general, particularly those in the villages with their own, often national, ways of thinking, were played upon and involved in the political and ideological conflicts of the parties. The mass of people, especially those in the villages, always fell prey to the political and ideological interests of those parties. Their involvement in the conflicts of political interests had as its result the fact that they ignored the necessities of daily life, the need for development and improvement of their own lives, materially as well as spiritually. Such a situation should not repeat itself. Therefore it is only right to attract the attention of the mainly village people away from political problems and ideological exclusiveness to efforts of national development through the development of their own rural societies. Here lies the meaning and the goal of the depolitisasi the process of freeing the people from political manipulation and the deparpolisasi the process of freeing the people from political party allegiances in the villages. In this way people in the villages will not spend their valuable time and energy in the political struggles of parties and groups, but will be occupied wholly with development efforts. Meanwhile, while villagers were moving in and out of the rural areas, military command post was stationed permanently at all villages to ensure the non-existence of political activity in the rural areas. It creates a condition for diversification of job opportunities in the village and encourages both circular and permanent migration to the city, which needs their labor power. By the s, it was no longer easy to identify the peasants in terms of their place, occupation and status for they were marked not only by diversity, but also by mobility. Indonesian anthropologist, Koentjaraningrat, indicated, for instance, the difficulty of categorizing the peasants and migrants as two separate categories given the high frequency of migration in the rural ring around Jakarta. It was apparent that not all of villagers were landless peasants.

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