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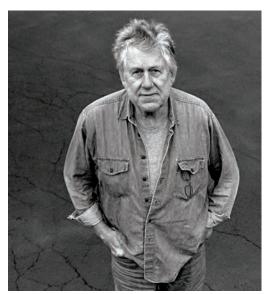
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# DESIGN EXPOSÉ

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050POH4 CANDA OF THE 1920s AND '30s TEACHES US A LESSON. ГОСУДАРСТВЕННОЕ ИЗДАТЕЛЬСТВО МОСКВА 1930 ЛЕНИНГРАД



After the fall of the Russian Empire and end of the subsequent civil war, the Soviet Union was established in 1922. It gave birth to an artistic movement called constructivism, which, through propaganda and a reinterpretation of traditional art practices, created a new identity for the revolutionary state.

To mark the 100th anniversary of the Russian Revolution, this

movement is featured in a temporary exhibition called "The Paper Revolution: Soviet Graphic Design and Constructivism (1920-1930s)" at the ADAM Brussels Design Museum, which runs through October 8. It is one of several temporary shows the Moscow Design Museum—which does not yet have its own exhibition space—is staging at museums in several international cities this year.





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"The constructivists did not want to be artists, they wanted to change reality," says art historian Konstantin Akinsha, co-curator of "The Paper Revolution." "They did not believe in artwork, they believed in objects...but at the end of the day, they weren't very successful with the design of objects but [rather] paper and graphic design. So this exhibition is a very short history of utopia turned into dystopia. The movement started with an artistic and aesthetic experiment that very soon became a servant of Soviet political propaganda."

Displayed on posters, magazines, and in "vanity" books, constructivist graphic design was marked by dynamic typography, "cut and paste" photo montages, and the use of abstract forms such as black squares and red circles to create

# "UTOPIA TURNED INTO DYSTOPIA"

### ~ KONSTANTIN AKINSHA

a sense of supremacism. The photo montages were perhaps the constructivist's greatest conveyor, though, telling stories through imagery to a largely illiterate public.

After Vladimir Lenin died in 1924, the "Paper Revolution" reached an all-time high and the Soviet press took off. Hundreds of magazines and newspapers were published in multiple languages and distributed around the world, carrying out Lenin's belief that the "press should be not only a collective propagandist and a collective agitator, but also a collective organizer of the masses."

This publishing boom led to expensive "vanity" books featuring Communist activists and the Red Army. The books served as gifts for party comrades and foreign dignitaries. A great example in the Brussels exhibition is a steel-covered book dedicated to Joseph Stalin, whose last name translates to "man of steel."

"Constructivism coincided with an explosion of publishing in Russia which reflected the new economic policy and necessity to disseminate propaganda," says Akinsha. "Today we are talking about our post-truths and fake news. You will find their roots in constructivist design."

