## **Contents**

Acknowledgements		VII
Abbreviations	X	
Editorial Note	XIII	

- 1 Introduction 1
- 2 'World Revolution', the Bolsheviks and Soviet Society 46
  - 1 Bolshevik Internationalism through the World War and Revolution 46
  - 2 1918/19, 1923, 1926: Three World-Revolutionary 'Windows of Opportunity' in Their Soviet Reflection 57
    - 2.1 1918/19: The Conflagration in Central Europe 57
    - 2.2 1923: The Phantom of the 'German October' 75
    - 2.3 1926: Solidarity by Decree: The British General Strike 89
- 3 Activists and the Charisma of World Revolution 104
  - 1 Activists, Opportunists and Functionaries: Types of Early Soviet Political Actors 104
  - 2 The World Revolution as a 'Delightful Thing' 126
  - 3 Communist World Society or Russian Domination? Activists Imagine the Future 142
- 4 Internationalist Practices I: Charisma and Activism between the Revolution and NEP 172
  - Informing, Performing and Intervening: Public Speech about the World Revolution 172
  - 2 Internationalist Greeting Messages and Their Authors 186
  - 3 The Bolshevik Provincial Press: From Activist Mouthpiece to 'Mass' Newspaper 206
- 5 Internationalism and the Soviet 'Masses' 234
  - 1 Ways and Means of Transmitting Internationalist Knowledge 234
    - 1.1 Expectations and Lines of Argument 234
    - 1.2 The Instrumentarium of Agitprop 244
  - 2 Reactions of the 'Masses': Disinterest, Resistance, Appropriation 267
- 6 MOPR: The Institutionalisation of International Solidarity in the obshchestvennost' 289



VI CONTENTS

7 International Practices II: Activism and obshchestvennost' from NEP to Stalinism 334

- Donations and Fundraising: Class Solidarity, Philanthropy and Entertainment 334
- 2 Objects and Subjects of 'Shefstvo': Comparing Two Types of International Sponsorship 358
- 3 Internationalist Pen Pal Correspondence Collective and Individual 385
- 4 Banners Wanted: The Twists and Turns of International Flag Exchange 409
- 5 Dealing with Comrades from Abroad: Foreign Representatives of the Labour Movement in the Soviet Union 435
- 8 A Practice Forestalled: Going Abroad for the World Revolution 465
- 9 Concluding Remarks 481

Bibliography 501 Index 564