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It is widely assumed that the "non-classical" nature of the Russian empire and its equally "non-classical" modernity made Russian intellectuals immune to the racial obsessions of Western Europe and the United States. *Homo Imperii* corrects this perception by offering the first scholarly history of racial science in pre-revolutionary Russia and the early Soviet Union. Marina Mogilner places this story in the context of imperial self-modernization, political and cultural debates of the epoch, different reformist and revolutionary trends, and the growing challenge of modern nationalism. By