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ANNOUNCEMENT

17-19 May, 2012 the **Annual Conference of the European Society for the History of Economic Thought (ESHET)** will be held for the first time in Saint-Petersburg.

Theme of the Conference: "Institutions and Values in Economic Thought". The Conference will be held in English language. Organizers from the Russian side: Saint Petersburg State University, Economic Faculty, Saint Petersburg State University of Economics and Finance, ICSEER Leontief Centre <http://www.eshet2012.ru/>

RESEARCH & PROJECTS

Conservation and Use of Cultural Heritage in Russia is the project of the Ministry for Culture with support of the World Bank. Leontief Centre experts take part in procedures of the second stage of competitive selection of cultural heritage objects in project regions-participants (Leningrad Region, Novgorod Region, Pskov Region).

Public-private partnership: UK best practice and Saint Petersburg experience"

On 24-25 on November, 2011 the study tour to London for the representatives of the regional and municipal authorities was held within the project: "Public-private partnership: UK best practice and Saint Petersburg experience". The study tour was organized by Leontief Centre.

More information - at the project web site: <http://ppp.leontief-centre.ru/content2>

LEONTIEF CENTRE ENDOWMENT

Research Effort 2011. **Features and Factors of Spatial Development of St Petersburg Agglomeration during the Post-Soviet Period.** In research is carrying out the analysis and estimation of institutional factors of spatial development of agglomerations. Object of research is the St Petersburg agglomeration. In November during the project implementation, the experts poll in the sphere of spatial development and regional economy was prepared. Results of poll will be included into the final report.

Research Effort. **Legal Registration of the Property Rights: Failures Diagnostics of Dacha Amnesty** (the theme is implemented jointly with National Research University – Higher School of Economics). The purpose of this study is to analyze the problems encountered in the reform process in the sphere of state registration of ownership of real property.

Results of this work will be discuss at scientific-practical seminar with participation of representatives of boards, experts and land market researchers. The seminar will be held in St Petersburg in the middle of February, 2012.

PARTNERSHIP WITH NATIONAL RESEARCH UNIVERSITY – HIGHER SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS

Leontief Centre Interfaculty Base Department in the St Petersburg Branch of National Research University "Higher School of Economics".

On December 1, 2011 the meeting of the Leontief Centre Interfaculty Base Department was held head - Irina Karelina).

At the meeting curricula for 2011-2012, organization of practical training and research seminar of magistracy were discussed.

Web site: <http://www.leontief-centre.ru/content242>

Laboratory of Urban Researches

In cooperation with the St. Petersburg branch of National Research University – Higher School of Economics, Leontief Centre takes part in scientific and educational project **Analysis of Institutional Factors of Urban Agglomerations Spatial Development** (leader - Leonid Limonov).

On October 10, 2011 Educational Scientific seminar of Laboratory of Urban Researches resumed its work in the 2011-2012 academic year with renewed staff of trainees and researchers. The seminar was an acquaintance of students and academic staff of the Laboratory, goals and objectives of the work, tasks assigned to collect and analyze information that characterizes the spatial

development of the St Petersburg metropolitan area.

On November 7, 2011 the meeting of Educational Scientific seminar of Laboratory of Urban Researches was held. In the framework of meeting, trainees and researchers presented the first results of data collection and analysis, which characterizes the spatial development of the St Petersburg metropolitan area.

On December 1, 2011 in the framework of Educational Scientific seminar, the reports of trainees and researchers on analysis of the land areas market and housing construction in the St Petersburg metropolitan area, was discussed.

Detailed information: www.lui.hse.spb.ru

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

Meeting of the **Joint Interdisciplinary Seminar «Economy and Society»**, established by Leontief Centre, Sociological Institute RAS, Higher School of Economics National Research University and Saint Petersburg Institute for Economics and Mathematics, RAS:

- On October 13, 2011 **Danila Raskov**, Candidate of Economic Science, Associate Professor of Economic Theory Department of St. Petersburg State University made a speech on theme **Odyssey Foreign Believers: Economic Aspects**
- On October 26, 2011 **Nikolay Rozov**, professor of Novosibirsk State University made a speech on theme **Channel and Crossing**
- On November 1, 2011 an Enlarged Meeting of the Joint Interdisciplinary Seminar of Leontief Centre, Sociological Institute, State University - Higher School of Economics and the Economic and Financial Research was held. On the first session, Albrecht **Kauffmann**, Halle Institute for Economic Research (Germany) made report **Settlement System of the Russian Federation in the context of New Economic Geography**. On the second session **Ekaterina Zhuravskaya**, New Economic School (Moscow), Paris School of Economics was awarded to the **International Leontief Medal for Contribution to Economic Reforms**. In the framework of the session, Ekaterina Zhuravskaya made report of the medal laureate **Federalism in Russia?**
- On November 10, 2011 Professor **Richard Rose** (UK) made a speech on

theme **Corruption: Perception vs. Experience in Russia**

- On December 5, 2011 in the framework of seminar, report **Factors and Prospects of Political Transformation of Russia**, prepared by the Center for Strategic Research and Russian Academy of National Economy and Public Administration under the President of the Russian Federation was discussed. Key speakers: Mikhail Dmitriev, President of the Center for Strategic Research and Sergey Belanovskiy, Director on Social and Economic Researches of the Center for Strategic Research

More information: <http://www.leontief-centre.ru/content34>

On October 4, 2011 **Elena Belova**, Secretary General of the Leontief Centre, took part in a seminar on the project "Development of Partnerships in the Creative Industries" and made report **"Cross-border Cooperation for Creative Industries Development in the North-West Russia"**.

On October, 13-14, 2011 in Science Centre of the Russian Academy of Sciences (St Petersburg) the All-Russian Scientific and **Practical Conference Spatial Economy: Methodology and Research Methods** was held. Leonid Limonov, Director-Coordinator of Research Programs and Boris Zhikharevich, Director of Resource Centre on Strategic Planning under Leontief Centre participated in the conference and made reports on the plenary session: «Features and Issues of Spatial

Development of Russian Economy during the Post-Soviet Period» (Leonid Limonov) and «Institutional Measurement of Regional Social and Economic Space: Approach to Research» (Boris Zhikharevich).

On October, 17-18, 2011 in St Petersburg **X All-Russian Forum Strategic Planning in Regions and Cities of Russia - RESOURCES FOR DEVELOPMENT** was held.

Representatives of Ministries and Agencies, State Duma of the RF, foreign states, regional administrations and legislative assemblies, municipalities, business, scientific and expert communities, local self-government, political and public organizations, mass media took part in plenary sessions and round tables of the Forum. **Forum Organizers:** State Duma of the Russian Federation, Ministry for Regional Development of the Russian Federation, Ministry for Finance of the Russian Federation, Ministry for Economic Development of the Russian Federation, St. Petersburg City Administration, Center of Strategic Research, ICSE Leontief Centre.

At the Forum opening, Georgiy Poltavchenko, Governor of St Petersburg made the welcoming speech to Forum participants. Main speakers: Viktorov Aleksander, Deputy Minister for Regional Development of the Russian Federation, Savatyugin Alexei, Deputy Minister of Finance of the Russian Federation, Izotova Galina, First Deputy Chairman of Committee for Affairs of Federation and Regional Policy of the State Duma of the Russian Federation, Levintal Alexander, Deputy Plenipotentiary Representative of the President of Russian Federation to the Far East Federal District, Shereykin Maxim, Deputy Governor of Kaluga Region, Evkurov Yunus-Bek, Head of the Government of the Ingushetia Republic, Shadrin Artem, Director of the Strategic Management (Programs) and Budgeting Department of the Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation, Gorodetsky Vladimir, Mayor of Novosibirsk City, Shashkin Artem, Deputy Chairman of the Board of the Russian Agricultural Bank and etc. Forum has gathered more than 1000 participants and 35 various actions were organized during the Forum.

One of important Forum action was the Rewarding of winners of the All-Russian Contest of regional strategies and programs for socio-economic development "Strategic initiatives in the management of regional development". Contest organizers: State Duma of the Russian Federation, Ministry for

Regional Development of the Russian Federation, Ministry for Economic Development of the Russian Federation, Institute of Regions.

More information: www.forumstrategov.ru

On October 24-25, 2011 Leonid Limonov, Director-Coordinator of Research Programs of Leontief Centre and Boris Zhikharevich, Director of Resource Centre on Strategic Planning of Leontief Centre have taken part in the **All-Russian Scientific Conference "Modelling in Problems of City and Regional Economy"**. Conference Organizers: the Russian Academy of Sciences, Branch of Social Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, the Central Economic-Mathematical institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences, the St.-Petersburg Economic-Mathematical institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences with support of the Russian Fund of Basic Researches. Leonid Limonov moderated the section "Models and Methods of Strategic Development of Cities and Regions" and has made report "Problem of Planning of Spatial Development of the St.-Petersburg Agglomeration". Boris Zhikharevich moderated the section "Mathematical Models for Various Problems of Development of Megacities" and has made report "Databases of Operators of Mobile Communication as a Source of the Information for City Modeling".

More information: www.emi.nw.ru

On October 28-30, 2011 Nina Oding, Head of Research Department participated in the **International Conference «City Policy and Development in Europe and Russia»** (St Petersburg) and made report «Creative Industries in Historical City». The Conference was organized by the Center for German and European Studies.

On October 31, 2011 Scientific Researcher of the Leontief Centre, Daria Tabachnikova participated in the **Cultural Forum in Saint-Petersburg**. The joint report "Economics and culture: on the way to a creative city" has been presented at the plenary section together with Valery Gordin, Deputy Director of the Saint-Petersburg branch of the Higher School of Economics.

On November 11-12, 2011 Director-Coordinator of Research Programs of Leontief Centre Leonid Limonov and Senior Researcher Andrei Zaostrovtssev participated in the **XIII International Scientific-**

practical conference on public sector reform "Public Sector Transition" (Graduate School of Management St. Petersburg State University).

Leonid Limonov was the chairman of the section "Human capital and education," and spoke on "The Institutional Determinants of Spatial Planning" at the round table on "Spatial Planning". Andrei Zaostrovsev spoke on "Democracy, law and economic freedom in post-socialist countries" in the section "Public sector and civil society"

On November 16, 2011 Secretary General of Leontief Centre, Elena Belova took part in the conference and the Forum of Partners **"Strategic cooperation - United by Borders"** in the Programme border cooperation Estonia-Latvia-Russia, St Petersburg.

On November 16-23, 2011 the Director-Coordinator of Research Programs of Leontief Centre Leonid Limonov participated in the **III annual forum "The Future Petersburg"** and spoke at the plenary

session of the "St. Petersburg Strategy 2020: Priorities and model solutions." Organizers: Government of St. Petersburg and media holding RBC.

On November 18-19, 2011 Senior Researcher **Denis Kadochnikov** participated in a workshop **Academic Fellowship Program**, organized by the Open Society Institute in Istanbul, Turkey, and delivered a report on qualitative research methods in economics.

On December 20, 2011 in the Ministry for Regional Development of the Russian Federation the final meeting of Organizing Committee of **X All-Russian Forum Strategic Planning in Regions and Cities of Russia** (October 17-18, 2011). Forum Organizing Committee confirmed the title of the Forum 2012: Strategic Planning in Regions and Cities of Russia: Integration Potential. Forum will be held on October 22-23, 2012 in St Petersburg. Forum web site and registration will open on March 10, 2012.

PARTNERS AND NETWORKS

On October 2011, ICSE Leontief Centre jointly with the Siberian Federal University and a number of other organizations spends second round of **All-Russian Experts Delfi-Poll on Issues and Prospects of Development of the Higher School in Russia for the Period till 2030.**

On the Leontief Centre web site the information for experts and the partners was published. Results of poll will be important for definition of possible scenarios of the future of the higher school in Russia, creation of "road map", preparation of recommendations for the Government of the Russian Federation on state policy measures in sphere of higher education, science and innovations. Results of poll will be presented on web site of the Siberian Federal University and web site of ICSE Leontief Centre.

On October, 12, Leonid Limonov, Director-Coordinator of Research Programs participated in the **Session of Scientific Council of the Integration Researches Center of the Euroasian Bank for Development.** On the Session the Activities Plan of Center Development was discussed. Leonid Limonov is member of Scientific Board of the Center.

On 15-16 November, 2011 Nina Oding took part in the final conference in Hamburg, Germany, **"Working together for sustainable labour markets"** project BSLN (Baltic Sea Labour Network) as part of the EU Strategy for Baltic Sea region.

On November 23-24, 2011 Secretary General of the Leontief Centre, Elena Belova participated in the meeting of the Working Group on the **Baltic Sea Region Programme 2007-2013**, under which discussed the achievements and issues in the preparation of the programming period 2014-2020, Berlin.

On October 31, 2011 and December 12, 2011 in Moscow, Irina Karelina, General Director of the Leontief Center took part in the meeting of the **ARETT Board**. More information: www.arret.ru

On December 14, 2011 in St Petersburg, Irina Karelina, General Director of the Leontief Center took part in **Expert Meeting on Cooperation Development in the Baltic Sea Region.** More information: <http://n-west.ru/region-baltiyskogo-morya/>

AWARDS

In the framework of the Project Public Private Partnership in the Social Sector – Spreading the Lessons of the UK's and St Petersburg's Experience from Department of Strategic Planning and Investment Policy of Vologda City Administration, Leontief Centre received letter of appreciation for organization of trip to Great Britain, addressed to Irina Karelina and Darja Tabachnikova.

In October Leontief Centre received appreciation letters for preparation and implementation of X All-Russian Forum

Strategic Planning in Regions and Cities of Russia - RESOURCES FOR DEVELOPMENT from:

- Ralph Michael Edgar, Directorate General for Regional Policy of the European Commission
- Yuri Myachin, Faculty of Management Dean of the St Petersburg State Engineering and Economic University
- Ust-Luga Company JSC
- Ministry of Economic Development of the Republic of Ingushetia

WEB SITES

Efficient updating of following sections of Leontief Centre web-sites was held:

- ICSE Leontief Centre (www.leontief.ru)
- Wassily Leontief (www.wassily.leontief.net)
- Strategic Planning in the Regions and Cities of Russia (<http://www.city-strategy.ru>)
- All-Russian Forum of Strategic Planning (www.forumstrategov.ru)
- Programme The Russian-Nordic Exchange Programme for Local Civil Servants (www.mp.leontief-centre.ru)
- Programme The Emerging Innovation in Northern Europe (www.ip.leontief-centre.ru)
- Project Skills for Sustainability: Capacity and Competencies for Practical Action for NGO-led SME Support Programmes in Poland and North-West Russia (www.ns.leontief-centre.ru)
- Internet portal of business centre Partnerstvo (www.bc-partnerstvo.ru)
- Project Public Private Partnership in the Social Sector – Spreading the Lessons of the UK's and St Petersburg's Experience (www.ppp.leontief-centre.ru)
- XVI Annual Conference of the European Society for the History of Economic Thought (ESHET) (www.eshet2012.ru)

PUBLICATIONS



An information bulletin The Socio-Economic Situation in Saint-Petersburg, № 113 (september-october) 2011 r.

This analytical overview is a bi-monthly edition brought to you by the Leontief Centre in Russian and in English since 1992.

Each issue (25-30 pages in length) contains summary of statistical data and information materials (including unpublished ones) on the city's industry, infrastructure, budget, privatization, investment projects as well as on employment and living standards of St. Petersburg residents.

For more information you can go to Leontief Centre web-site <http://www.obzor.leontief.ru/>



Publication "Municipal Strategies: Ten Years Later" / edited by Boris Zhikharevich. Issue №13, 2011 – St Petersburg: International Centre for Social and Economic Research Leontief Centre, 2011.-130 pages.

Publication collected results of research according to the remote consequences of the first Russian projects municipal strategic planning. Main objective - to systematize and estimate the importance of the factors influencing stability of municipal systems of strategic planning which started to be formed in the first years of the XXI century.

In the first section analytical notes about condition of strategic planning system in the municipalities, arrived from administrations are presented. In the second section the essays written by advisers and researchers are placed, many of which were direct participants of events of ten years' prescription. The third section has united some generalizing articles. In the end of the edition the information on strategic planning in Barcelona where the active system of strategic planning successfully operating already almost of 25 years is created is placed.

It is recommended to experts of strategic planning, students, teachers.



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