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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, ICSE Leontief Centre <http://www.eshet2012.ru/>

On October 22-23, 2012 in Saint-Petersburg XI All-Russian Forum Strategic Planning in Regions and Cities of Russia: Potential for Innovation will be held. Permanent Forum Organizers: State Duma of the Russian Federation, Ministry for Finance of the Russian Federation, Ministry for Economic Development of the Russian Federation, Ministry for Regional Development of the Russian Federation, Saint-Petersburg City Administration, ICSE Leontief Centre. Registration of the participants is open on the web site <http://www.forumstrategov.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). In March, the Interagency Commission approved pre-proposals regions, and then began work on the preparation of project bids (the competition will be held in June 2012).

Public-private partnership: UK best practice and Saint Petersburg experience. Main Project Partners: British Consulate-General, St Petersburg, ICSE Leontief Centre.

Project Goal: Improve capacity of regional authorities to implement PPP projects.

On February 16-17, 2012 in St Petersburg the Final Seminar for the Project was held. Leonid Limonov, coordinator for scientific programmes, and Nina Oding, head of research department of Leontief Centre, made their presentation on Problems of PPP development in Russian regions.

On March 13, 2012 in Conference Hall of ICSE Leontief Centre the Press Conference, devoted to the finishing of Project: Public Private Partnership in the Social Sector – Spreading the Lessons of the UK's and St Petersburg's Experience and presentation of

PPP Best Practice in Social Sphere Report was held. Press Conference participants: Nikonov Aleksander, First Deputy of the Chairman of Committee of the Economic Development, Industrial Policy and Trade; Elena Lukjanets, Project and Communication Manager of British Consulate General in Saint-Petersburg; Leonid Limonov, Director-Coordinator of Research Programs of Leontief Centre; Nina Oding, Head of Research Department of Leontief Centre and also participants of Committee of the Economic Development, Industrial Policy and Trade and Leontief Centre and mass media.

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

Nordic-Russian Green Growth Arena

Customer – Nordic Council of Ministries Office in St Petersburg. The purpose of the umbrella project NORDIC-RUSSIAN GREEN GROWTH ARENA is to implement green growth development principles in the North-west (NW) Russian regions and municipalities based on Nordic experience.

To achieve the stated above purpose, Nordic-Russian Green Growth Arena project identifies three priority areas (sub-projects) under its umbrella:

- 1.Green Planning Instruments and Strategies
- 2.Nordic-Russian Green Routes
- 3.Sustainable Business Hubs and Clean Tech Clusters

Advancing Remote Areas by Development of Cross-Border Via Hanseatica Tourism Route on basis of Local Resources (Estonia-Latvia-Russia Cross-Border Cooperation Programme within European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument 2007-2013)

Via Hanseatica (VH) is a tourism route connecting St Petersburg, Narva/Ivangorod, Tartu, Valga/Valka, Valmiera and Sigulda in the Programme territory. In addition to the abovementioned towns the route passes through areas rich in nature and cultural heritage. As VH is a tourism route passing Russia, Estonia and Latvia, and its potential is based on the diversity of these countries, the most efficient and beneficial way to promote VH is doing it via cross-border cooperation. Leontief Centre coordinates the

activities of the Russian partners in the implementation of all project tasks and activities of partners from all countries to meet targets for the development of infrastructure and prepare the necessary project and technical documentation.

The Analysis of Trade and Industrial Relations between the Border Regions of Russia and Kazakhstan: Impact of the Customs Union and Single Economic Space

Customer - The Eurasian Development Bank (EDB). The goal of the study - an analysis of the influence of the Customs Union on economic cooperation and industrial cooperation of border regions of Russia and Kazakhstan.

LEONTIEF CENTRE ENDOWMENT

Implementation of the research included in the plan in 2012:

Analysis of Spatial Development Factors of the Russian metropolitan commuter belt (on example of Saint-Petersburg metropolitan area)

The project is implemented jointly with the Laboratory of Urban Researches HSE - St Petersburg.

The Economic Repositioning of Post-Socialist Cities - Institutional Settings,

Local Strategies and Urban Economic Growth

Joint project with the Institute of Economic Research (Halle, Germany).

This work includes the study of characteristics of urban economic development in Russia and East Germany, the institutional framework of the municipal government and other institutions of influence on local development.

On February 24, 2012 at the Institute of Economic Research (IWH) (Halle, Germany) the Launching Project Seminar was held.

EU Regional Policy. Cooperation in the Baltic Sea region

The survey of Russian regions participation in the Interreg III B Programme (2001-2006) and the Baltic Sea Region Programme (EU

BSR Programme 2007-2013) was prepared. Also prepared review and analysis by the Committee CSDP VASAB in the framework of preparation Russian Presidency in VASAB and the Baltic Sea Programme in preparation for the participation of Russia in the programming period EU BSR Programme 2014-2020.

Legal Registration of the Property Rights: Failures Diagnostics of Dacha Amnesty (the theme is implemented jointly with National Research University - Higher School of Economics).

On February 14, 2012 the final project seminar Country Amnesty: Issues, Failures, Territorial Features was held. In the framework of seminar, the results of the joint project of Laboratory for Applied Analysis of Institutions and Social Capital (LAAISC), National Research University «Higher School of Economics» (Moscow), Laboratory for Urban Researches (LUR), National Research University «Higher School of Economics» (St Petersburg) and ICSE Leontief Centre have been presented.

Speakers: Leonid Limonov, Tatyana Vlasova (ICSE Leontief Centre, Scientific-Educational Laboratory for Urban Researches Higher School of Economics, St Petersburg), Ekaterina Khmel'nitskaya, Leonid Polischuk (Laboratory for Applied Analysis of Institutions and Social Capital, Moscow).

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

Within January - February, 2012 Artur Batchaev, Senior Researcher of ICSE Leontief Centre, Associate Professor of Leontief Centre Interfaculty Base Department in the St Petersburg Branch of National Research University "Higher School of Economics" made lectures and workshops with first-year students of Magistracy of Management Faculty, trained on Magister Programme «State and Municipal Management».

On February 28, 2012 Artur Batchaev, Senior Researcher of ICSE Leontief Centre, Associate Professor of Leontief Centre Interfaculty Base Department in the St Petersburg Branch of National Research University "Higher School of Economics" moderated with second-year students of Economy Faculty, trained under the bachelor degree program, Research Seminar «Urbanization and Global Cities».

During February – March 2012 in the Leontief Centre Interfaculty Base Department series of research seminars for the Masters 1 and 2 courses were completed:

- Methodological approaches to the analysis, forecasting and planning for socio-economic development of regions and municipalities (Artur Batchaev)
- The role and value of investments for socio-economic development of regions and municipalities (Artur Batchaev)
- The main methods for evaluating the investment attractiveness of regions (Artur Batchaev)
- Russian and international experience of the cultural building for sustainable development of the area (Darya Tabachnikova)
- Social assessment in the state and municipal government (Tatyana Vlasova)

The website of the Base Chair of Leontief Centre is now based within domain zone of the Higher School of Economics: <http://www.hse.ru/org/spb/mfk/bklc/>

Department of Urban and Regional Economy of the St Petersburg Branch of National Research University "Higher School of Economics"

On February 5, 2012 Leonid Limonov, coordinator for scientific programmes of the Leontief Centre, took part in the Winter Festival of the Higher School of Economics in St. Petersburg: he made a presentation on the problems of Russian and St. Petersburg development and presented a new magister programme for urban and regional economics.

During February – March 2012, Leontief Centre experts - specialists of City and Regional Economy Department of St Petersburg Branch of National Research University "Higher School of Economics" made lectures to first-year undergraduates on disciplines "Territorial Strategic Planning" (Boris Zhikharevich) and "Spatial Economy and Territorial Development" (Leonid Limonov).

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). During January - March, 2012 two educational and scientific seminars of Laboratory of Urban Researches were held. In the framework of seminars the goal and objectives of the work, sources and methods of collection, types of work allocated to researchers were 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:

- **February 14, 2012.** Theme of the seminar: Country Amnesty: Issues, Failures, Territorial Features. In the framework of seminar, the results of the joint project of Laboratory for Applied

Analysis of Institutions and Social Capital (LAAISC), National Research University «Higher School of Economics» (Moscow), Laboratory for Urban Researches (LUR), National Research University «Higher School of Economics» (St Petersburg) and ICSEER Leontief Centre have been presented. Speakers: Leonid Limonov, Tatyana Vlasova (ICSEER Leontief Centre, Scientific-Educational Laboratory for Urban Researches Higher School of Economics, St Petersburg), Ekaterina Khmel'nitskaya, Leonid Polischuk (Laboratory for Applied Analysis of Institutions and Social

- On March 27, 2012 **Andrey Zaostrovtssev**, senior researcher of ICSEER Leontief Centre made report «Twenty Years without Hayek».

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

On January 21, 2012 the meeting of the Organizing Committee for the ESHET Conference in St. Petersburg on May 17-19, 2012, was held.

On January 25, 2012 in the Ministry for Regional Development of the Russian Federation, the first meeting of Organizing Committee was held. The Forum will take place in St Petersburg on October 22-23, 2012. Chairman of the meeting: Alexander Viktorov, the Deputy Minister for Regional Development of the Russian Federation. From Leontief Centre participated Boris Zhikharevich and Irina Karelina.

On February 21, 2012 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.

On January 30, 2012 in the framework of the Conference, on the plenary session, Andrey Zaostrovtssev, Senior Researcher of Leontief Centre made report «Statistic Information: Competition of Suppliers is Necessary». Conference Organizers: Sociological Institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences, St Petersburg State University of Economy and Finance and Federal Agency of the State Statistics in St Petersburg and Leningrad Region (Petrostat).

During January 30 – February 3, 2012 in Sochi the winter school workshop of V. Potanin's Welfare Fund was held. Main goal of the seminar was to train the teachers how to create educational web sites on the basis of platform professorjournal.ru. 17 winners of competition Online Teacher from various High Schools of Russia participated in the seminar. Following the results of workshop, teachers have elaborated structures of their web sites, which will be then filled with the authors' lectures, presentations, articles, training games and other educational materials. The purpose of creating such websites is to maximize the use of modern information technologies in order to increase the efficiency of educational process in High Schools of Russia.

On February 17-18, 2012 in St Petersburg **XI Annual Conference from the series of Leontief Readings "State and Economic Freedom: Friends or Foes?"** was held.

The Programme of XI Annual Conference "State and Economic Freedom: Friends or Foes?" involved four sections:

- Political, Economic Freedoms and Development: what the World Experience Says?
- The Russian Economy in the XXI Century: Stabilization after Chaos or the Escape from Freedom?
- Economics of Prohibitions and Social Capital
- Economic Freedom and its Foes

On February 24, 2012 in the Institute of Economic Research (IWH) (Halle, Germany) Director-Coordinator of Research Programs of Leontief Centre Leonid Limonov participated in the Kick-off meeting for the project: The Economic Repositioning of Post-Socialist Cities - Institutional Settings, Local Strategies and Urban Economic Growth" and made presentation on "Empirical findings on St Petersburg Metropolitan Area Spatial Development".

On March 6, 2012 in the framework of Manchester Days in Saint-Petersburg "Saint-Petersburg - Manchester: 50 Years of Friendly Relations" in the British Consulate-General in St Petersburg the Round Table "Megacities of the XXI Century: Challenges and Prospects" was held with participation of Gareth Ward, Consul General of Great Britain in St Petersburg and Harold Lyons, Lord Mayor

of Manchester. Leonid Limonov, Director-Coordinator of Research Programs of Leontief Centre moderates the discussion, which was attended by representatives of governments, cultural institutions, creative industries, universities and architectural offices in Manchester and St Petersburg. The discussion features post-industrial urban development, marketing and rebranding of cities, issues of the new

use of old industrial buildings and areas, development of clusters of creative industries and digital technologies, new approaches to strategic planning of urban development. Round Table has identified a number of common issues between the two cities and approaches to their solution, which decided to continue cooperation and exchange of experience.

PARTNERS AND NETWORKS

On March 6, 2012 in Berlin (Germany) the Meeting of the VASAB Committee Three was held. Irina Karelina, Director General of ICSE Leontief Centre took part in the meeting.

On March 15-16, 2012 IBI Net Project's Steering Committee meeting in St Petersburg was held. During the first day, experience exchanges presentations from Leontief Centre, Leningrad region and Project partners was held. On the second day the Management and the Steering Committee Meetings was held, reviewing project topicalities. Meeting will take place in Leonief Centre. The first day was developed for experience exchange between the Project partners and local representatives. Very

important was the second day of the meeting, when Projects 4th Period Reporting was held.

Project web site: www.ibi-net.eu

On March 19-20, 2012 in Rostock (Germany) the VASAB Committee Meeting was held. Irina Karelina, VASAB Committee Meeting, Director General of ICSE Leontief Centre took part in the Meeting.

On March 29-30, 2012 in Riga (Latvia) the First Meeting of the Joint Programming Committee for the Baltic Sea Region Programme 2014 – 2020 was held. Irina Karelina, Director General of ICSE Leontief Centre as observer took part in the Meeting.

AWARDS

On February 18, 2012 in the Mikhailovsky Castle **VI Award Ceremony of International Leontief Medal Laureates 2011 for Contribution to Economic Reforms** took place.

Leontief Medal laureates 2011:

- **Andrey Shleifer**, Professor of Economics, Harvard University
- **Vitaliy Nayshul**, President of the Institute of national model of economy, (Moscow)

Charles Wyplosz, Professor of International Economics at the Graduate Institute (Geneva), Laureate of the **International Leontief Medal "For Contribution to Economic Reforms"** (2010) participated in the

Conference with traditional lecture of the Laureate.

Organizers: Saint Petersburg City Administration, ICSE Leontief Centre

Information partners: St Petersburg online newspaper Fontanka.ru, Journal Economic Policy, News Agency BaltInfo. More information: <http://www.leontief-centre.ru/content38>

Elizaveta Kolchinskaya, researcher of the Leontief Centre awarded the certificate of the Vladimir Potanin Charity Fund as Grant Winner of the Contest Teacher Online. Presentation was held in January during the Winter School Potanin Charity Fund (Sochi).

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, № 114 (January-February) 2012

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/>



Strategic Planning in Regions and Cities of Russia: Resources for Development/

Reports of participants of X All-Russia Forum Strategic Planning in Regions and Cities of Russia, St. Petersburg, 17-18 October 2011. Scientific Editor Boris Zhikharevich, Doctor of economic sciences. - St. Petersburg.: International Centre for Socio-Economic Research Leontief Centre, 2012. - 152 pp.

The publication captures the state of territorial strategic planning in Russia at the end of 2011, as reflected in the reports of participants of X All-Russia Forum Strategic Planning in Regions and Cities of Russia: Resources for Development. In publication experience of development and implementation of strategy and programs at regional and municipal level is considered. Such themes, as innovations and ecology, spatial planning, tourism and sports in municipal strategy, development of coastal territories, theory and technology of a strategic planning, foreign experience of regional development are mentioned.



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