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## UPCOMING EVENTS



October 27-28, 2014 **XIII All-Russian Forum "Strategic planning in the regions and cities of Russia"** will be held in Saint Petersburg. The theme of the forum in 2014 is «**Revisoning strategies, renewing meanings**». Forum organizers: State Duma of Russian Federation; Ministry of Regional Development of Russia; Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation; Ministry of Finance of the Russian Federation; Government of Saint Petersburg; ICSE Leontief Centre; Center for Strategic Research. The goal of the Forum 2014 is the

promotion of renewed meanings and revised regional and municipal strategies in accordance with modern realities.

Registration on the website: <http://forumstrategov.ru/>

## PROJECTS



### **Development of the Strategy for Socio-Economic Development of Tatarstan Republic till 2030.**

*In cooperation with Ministry for Economy of Tatarstan Republic*

The aim of the project is to develop within a multistakeholder dialogue a Concept Document - Strategy for Socio-Economic Development of the Republic of Tatarstan till 2030, describing the vision of the future of the Republic of Tatarstan as a globally competitive and prosperous region. Other aims of the project include registration and documentation of the main results of goals and objective achievements, as well as creation of strategic management system aimed at planning the future of the Republic of Tatarstan.

During July-September 2014 series of events have been held, focusing on the developed strategic documents:

8 July - Kazan hosted a project seminar under the project line "Human Capital", dedicated to the discussion of the major social sectors status and trends of the RT;

11 - 15 August - project sessions of zonal, inter-sectoral and sectoral project lines: Development of the Kama Economic Area; development of agro-industrial complex; Development of the manufacturing industries; Institutions and Entrepreneurship ("Development of business in the Republic of Tatarstan", "Road Map" development of small and medium-sized enterprises of the Republic of Tatarstan for the period 2014-2016.); Space, infrastructure, real capital ("The development of the electric power industry: strategic alternatives");

On August 27, at Kazan State Architecture and Construction University in the framework of the project line "Space, infrastructure, physical capital," famous urbanist Jan Gehl (Denmark) presented the report "Cities for people of the 21st century". The Seminar brought together more than 130 participants - representatives of regional and municipal authorities, businesses, public and scientific organizations involved in land use planning, landscaping, etc. Recommendations, received from experts, such as the need to thoroughly analyze the urban space, create pedestrian zones and encourage cycling and public transport, will be used in the design of public spaces as part of the Strategy;

24 - 25 September - expert seminars on development of Almetyevskaya and Kama economic zones, as well as a round table on the theme "Kazan economic zone."

25 - 26 September - Kazan hosted a seminar under the project line "Human capital" to discuss the goals, objectives, ways and means of strategy of development in education, health, social security, demography and culture in the Republic of Tatarstan. At the same time, expert consultations under the line "Space, infrastructure, physical capital" have been held in Kazan

Website of the project: <http://tatarstan2030.ru>.



### **Advancing Remote Areas by Development of Cross-Border VIA HANSEATICA Tourism Route on basis of Local Resources**

As VH tourism route is passing through 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 with the help of cross-border cooperation. Leontief Center coordinates activity of Russian partners in project's realization and also activity of partners from all countries in accomplishment of infrastructure development and in preparation of essential technical project documentation.

26–29 August in Cesis, Latvia has carried out the II thematic seminar project "Via Hanseatica". At the seminar, partners from both public and the private sector discussed the prospects of further cooperation, marketing activities and future joint projects.

Project web-site: <http://www.leontief-centre.ru/project231>



### **The City SAGA. Public Spaces in Transformation.**

*Employer – Information office of Nordic Council of ministers in Saint Petersburg.*

The main goal of the project is to develop a technique of designing easy, accessible and attractive public spaces for the citizens of Saint-Petersburg, as well as of pilot municipalities. October 27 - 28 at the XIII All-Russian Forum "Strategic planning in the regions and cities of Russia" in Saint-Petersburg, will feature a round table "The City SAGA. Public Spaces in Transformation". Please, register on the official website of the Forum: <http://forumstrategov.ru/rus/29.html>.

Project web-site: [www.saga.leontief-centre.ru](http://www.saga.leontief-centre.ru)

This project unites representatives of state and local authorities, representatives of the expert community and entrepreneurial sector from Leningrad, Pskov, Arkhangelsk district and the Republic of Karelia, as well as partners from Norway, Finland, Sweden and Denmark. A goal of the project is to launch innovative territorial development of the participating regions through strengthening economic cooperation and trade between the Nordic countries and Northwest Russia. The main objective of the project is to identify best practices in the Nordic and Northwest regions of the Russian Federation concerning the forms of cooperation in rural municipalities and regional authorities; public participation in the preservation of natural diversity; local initiatives for a social and economic development, including the preservation and development of local traditions and crafts as a tool for economic growth. Leontief Centre is entrusted with a role of one of the coordinators of the project.

28–29 August - a seminar in the framework of the Project, called "Public authorities, local self-government and non-profit organizations cooperation towards the development of small and medium businesses in rural areas".

On August, 28 the seminar has been held in the framework of the 23rd International Agro-Industrial Exhibition and Trade Fair AGRORUS 2014. The next day, August 29, a working visit to Vyborg took place, where project participants visited the Vyborg Municipal Foundation for rural development and small and medium enterprise support. After that, a visit to Aqua Tourism facilities: "Waterhouses", "Johannes" Marina Bay at Sovetsky Settlement, and "White Hedge Rose" Ranch

Organizers: Association "Council of Municipalities of the Leningrad Region" ICSE "Leontief Centre", supported by Nordic Council of Ministers.



**Impact of infrastructure on the industrial development of the region**

*Grant project of The Russian Foundation for Basic Research*

The project is aimed at improving methods for assessing the elements of infrastructure in terms of their impact on the development of industry in the region. The specific object is to construct a model describing the relationship of the quality of infrastructure in the region and its individual elements with the level of development of the industry. In the first phase of the study it is planned to construct a model that includes only variables as indicators of transport infrastructure. In the second phase it is expected to receive a model with a lot of variables that characterize the other components of the regional infrastructure: engineering, information, market.

## LEONTIEF CENTRE ENDOWMENT



### **RND Topics 2014**

Within the framework of the topic "Analysis of the economic and spatial development of cities and urban agglomerations" the study "Economic Development in the post-Soviet period" continues in 2014 including on the basis of cluster analysis, conducted in 2013

*The project is implemented jointly with the Institute of Economic Research - IWH (Halle, Germany) and the Laboratory of urban studies HSE - St. Petersburg.* The purpose of research is to identify factors that have a significant impact on the economic development of cities with a population over 100 thousand people in the post-Soviet period.

During the August-September period employees of the Leontief Centre took part in the elaboration of the "New Economy of the city, based on the human potential as a major source of development" on request of New Earth company and with the support of the Endowment Fund of the Leontief Centre. The project was held in preparation for the Days of the Russian cities of Moscow Urban Forum - 2014 in collaboration with the HSE of urbanism.

April 14-17, the senior research associate, head of the research group in the Institute of Economic Research in Halle – IWH, Germany – Dr. Albert Kauffmann visited the Leontief Centre. The aim of the visit was the implementation of the joint work on the project "Economic development of the Russian cities in the post-Soviet period". Within the framework of the visit, various events took place at the Leontief Centre, including the working seminar under the project framework, several meetings on working out a joint work plan 2014-2015 and meetings on preparing joint publications.

April 21 a seminar to discuss possible cooperation with research partners in the field of spatial and urban economic development was held. Following participants presented their report:

- Representatives of the International Laboratory for the theory of markets and Spatial Economics HSE Kichko S.I., Shepotylo A., Ivanov V.I. on "Empirical studies of urban and spatial development of the Russian economy";
- Employees of Labgrad Urban Laboratory (Petrovich M.L.) and the Center for Spatial Research (Epstein) on "Modeling of the spatial development of St. Petersburg, ideas of a new General Plan and other applicable development projects." Possible scientific cooperation of Leontief Centre with these organizations was also discussed.

### **Regional policy in EU. Cooperation in Baltic Sea Region.**

Current review is prepared on the basis of the 5 web sites:

- Committee of the Regions - <http://www.cor.europa.eu/>
- The European Commission (Regional Policy) - [http://ec.europa.eu/regional\\_policy](http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy)
- Assembly of European Regions - <http://www.aer.eu/>
- The Association of European Border Regions - <http://www.aebr.eu/en/index.php>
- The European Union Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR) - <http://www.balticsea-region-strategy.eu>

The main purpose of reviews is event and settlement monitoring in the matter of regional policy in EU.

The reviews cover June – July 2014, and anniversary issue is dedicated to the generalization of the results of two years of work on the basis of the changes in the development of the EU regional policy. Link to the review is available on the web page Russian Baltic Sea Region Programme (2007-2013) <http://eu.baltic.net/RU.3908.html>.

## PERTNERSHIP WITH NATIONAL RESEARCH UNIVERSITY - HSE



### **Inter-faculty Academic department of Leontief Centre and HSE - St. Petersburg**

The purpose of the Academic department is to improve the educational process in Bachelor and Master Degrees program of the St. Petersburg branch of the National Research University «Higher School of Economics» by strengthening study and research between HSE and Leontief Centre, including the engagement of hands-on practicing

lecturers from scientific staff of Leontief Centre, to conduct research seminars, management practices and preparation of graduate thesis for Bachelor and Master Degrees of HSE.

Web-site of the Academic department of Leontief Centre in National Research University «Higher School of Economics»: <http://www.hse.ru/org/spb/mfk/bklc/>

**Academic department of Urban and Regional Economy**

Leontief Centre has conducted classes on a number of disciplines of urban and regional economics HSE-St. Petersburg, as well as seminars of Urban Studies Laboratory - HSE- St. Petersburg (under the direction of L. E. Limonov).

September 23, Leontief Center presented an academic textbook "Regional economy and spatial development", prepared by a team of Academic Department of ICSE "Leontief Centre" in the HSE and experts Leontief Centre (for further info see Publications).

## CONFERENCES, SEMINARS



Meetings of the Joint Interdisciplinary Seminar "Economy and Society" established by ICSE "Leontief Centre", Sociological Institute of Russian Academy of Science, Economics and Mathematics Institute of Russian Academy of Sciences and the National Research 'Higher school of economics' - St. Petersburg. See more info at <http://www.leontief-centre.ru/content34>

16 September

**A report on "Assessment of market inequality in the Ukraine society"** was made by M. B. Loshchinin, expert of the Center of Social Expertise of the Institute of Sociology of NAS - Ukraine, Kyiv.

23 September

**Presentation of the textbook "The regional economy and spatial development"**, prepared by the Academic Department team of ICSE "Leontief Centre" in the HSE and experts of the Leontief Centre. Speaker - General Director of ANO ICSE "Leontief Centre" L.E. Limonov. Report **"From Mises - to McCloskey history as rhetoric"** Speaker - AP Zaostrovstsev, leading researcher ICSE "Leontief Centre", Professor HSE-Petersburg.

30 September

**Report, "From Mises - to McCloskey: history as rhetorics"** Speaker – A.P. Zaostrovstsev, leading researcher ICSE "Leontief Centre", Professor HSE-Petersburg.



INNOPROM

July 10, Director-Coordinator of research programs L.E. Limonov took part in a roundtable "Regional Strategy-2030" in the framework of the international exhibition Innoprom 2014 (Ekaterinburg).

Organizers: Analytical Center, journal "Expert-Ural" and media holding "Expert" with the support of the Ministry of Industry and Science of the Sverdlovsk region, and the Sverdlovsk Regional Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs. Among the participants - representatives of regional authorities in a number of subjects of the Russian Federation, the experts in the field of development of regional strategies, representatives of large and medium-sized businesses, non-governmental organizations, financial institutions and development institutions. <http://www.expert-ural.com/4-59-14497/>

July 11, Director-coordinator for research programmes of L. E. Limonov gave a guest lecture for the participants from Slovenia, Poland, Japan, South Africa, Kyrgyzstan and Russia International summer school devoted to the study of the impact of cultural events on small and medium-sized cities, called Impacts of Cultural Events on Small and Medium-size Art-oriental Towns (ISE-SMART 2014), organized by the Laboratory of cultural Economics, St. Petersburg branch of National research University "Higher school of Economics (Saint-Petersburg, Pushkin, Training center Manager training).

26 - 29 August Leontief Centre took part in the 54th Congress of the European Association of Regional Science (ERSA), which took place in St. Petersburg. Coordinating Director of Research Programs L.E. Limonov made two presentations (one - in collaboration with A. Kauffman). L.E. Limonov also organized a special section "Spatial Development of Russia: Does Geography Matter?" And moderated two sessions of this section. For his contribution to the work of the Congress L.E. Limonov awarded a diploma (Special Gratitude) Organizing Committee.

The 54th Congress of the European regional science Association (ERSA) is a landmark event for the world of science, so for Russia as a whole. Support is provided by leading national and international media, as well as the global scientific community. The ERSA Congress in 2014 is included in the program of the Year of science EU-Russia 2014.

The theme of the 54th Congress - "Regional development and globalization: best practices". The scientific program of the Congress outlined the current trends in regional policy, including resource corporations, presented past and present spatial development of St. Petersburg (in the framework of the special session of the St. Petersburg - global city"). On the forum took place the presentation of the Report on the socio-economic development of the Arctic, commissioned by the Arctic Council.

Organizers: St. Petersburg State University, the European Association of Regional Science, Council for Study of Productive Forces (SOPS), Russian Geographical Society, the International Academy of Regional Development and Cooperation (MARS) with the support of Ministry of Economic

Development, Ministry of Regional Development, the Committee on Science and Higher Education of St. Petersburg, on the investments for External Relations, Tourism of the Government of St. Petersburg Chamber of Commerce of the Russian Federation, Interparliamentary Assembly of the CIS Member States.

Participants: More than 900 leading experts in the field of regional science of Western, Central and Eastern Europe, USA, Canada, South America, Australia, Southeast Asia; representatives of the Ministry of the Russian Federation, the Government of St. Petersburg and business structures.

22 - 24 September in Frankfurt (Germany), Head of Research Department N.Y. Oding participated in the conference "Sustainable Economy and Sustainable Employment" within the Fifth European Day and Ninth Annual Meeting of the EN RLMM (Association of European monitoring network regional labor markets)) organized IWAK (Institut für Wirtschaft, Arbeit und Kultur Zentrum der Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main) and held a roundtable discussion of the Working Group "Employment and Green Skills in the Tourism Industry".

## NETWORK OF PARTNERS

From August, 25 - 28, with the help of Leontief Centre, a working visit to Kazan has been held. World-famous Danish urbanist Jan Gehl, Gehl Architects Director Henrietta Vamberg and Elena Belova, Scientific Secretary of the Leontief Centre participated in all announced meetings and seminars.

On August 26, During the visit at the town Hall, Jan Gehl met with the Mayor of Kazan I. R. Metshin and with the President of the Republic of Tatarstan R. N. Minnikhanov on the next day, August 27. During the meeting, participants have discussed issues of cooperation in the field of urban planning, the experience of foreign countries in designing contemporary cities and urban infrastructure. The meeting was attended by Assistant to the President of RT Olesya Baltusova, Minister of Construction, Architecture and Housing of the Republic of Tatarstan Irek Faizullin, Minister of Economy RT Midhat Shagiakhmetov, Kazan Mayor Ilsur Metshin and others.

Also, on August 27 at the Kazan State Architectural University Jan Gehl gave a presentation "Cities for people of the 21st century", in the framework of the project line "Space, infrastructure, physical capital".



July 9, Director-coordinator of the research programs Leonid Limonov took part in the meeting of the Economic Council under the Governor of St. Petersburg. The meeting covered the issues of the economic policy of St. Petersburg.

July 28, Leontief centre was visited by a delegation of the Institute for Creation Research (ICR) under the State Council of the People's Republic of China - research and Advisory organization, engaged in comprehensive research on public policy issues.

Established in 1981 ICR took an active part in the policy making processes of the Central government, participated in the development of the state five-year plans and long-term programs of socio-economic development. It is also involved in research on issues of state policy in the sphere of fundamental reform and opening of China, participated and sponsored a major national research projects and studies related to strategy and planning for regional development.

ICR is one of the leading research and advisory organizations involved in the development of public policy, both in China and internationally. The delegation included leading members of the research group "Urban China."

August 1- Leontief Centre with the director-coordinator of research programs L.E. Limonov in the lead, has met with the professor of economic and social geography at the University of Miami of Ohio Elizabeth Skrizhevskoy.

At the meeting participants have discussed the impact of climate change on the socio-economic planning in St. Petersburg as part of an international project to study the impact of climate change on economic and social planning of Russian regions, developed in Aalto University, Finland. The objective of this project is to study the thirteen regions of Russia, based on awareness of government in climate change issues, as well as measures for adaptation and mitigation of climate disasters, reflected in the plans of social-economic development of regions and municipalities.



8 September in St. Petersburg hosted a meeting of the Collegium of the Ministry of regional development of the Russian Federation under the chairmanship of Minister Igor Slyunyaev. The session took place in Smolny and was attended by the acting Governor of St. Petersburg Georgy Poltavchenko, the Governor of Leningrad region Alexander Drozdenko, Governor of the Kaliningrad region Nikolai Tsukanov, Governor of the Arkhangelsk region Igor Orlov, Governor of the Novgorod region Sergey Mitin, acting Head of the Republic of Karelia Oleg Gromov, representatives of scientific and expert community and mass media. On behalf of ICSE "Leontief Centre" the meeting was attended by Director-General and member of the Presidium of the Economic Council under the Governor of St. Petersburg Irina Karelina, and Director of Resource centre on strategic planning at "Leontief Centre" Boris Zhikharevich.



September 26 in Tallinn (Estonia), the 8<sup>th</sup> Conference of Ministers responsible for spatial planning and development of the 11 countries in the Baltic Sea region in cooperation VASAB took place. Russian delegation was led by a member of the VASAB Committee, the representative of the Government of St. Petersburg, Director-General of Leontief Centre Irina Karelina. On the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Ministerial Conference participants have discussed the progress of implementation and the value of the VASAB long-term perspective for the territorial development of the Baltic sea region, adopted a Ministerial Declaration on the problems of planning and development, containing recommendations on Planning roadmap 2013-2020 for the Baltic sea region. The event was also attended by the Secretary General and head of Development Department of Leontief Centre Elena Belova.

For more information visit: <http://www.vasab.org/index.php/ministerial-conferences/tallinn-2014>

VASAB logo: <http://www.vasab.org/index.php/about-vasab/home>.

On September 29, in the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation under the chairmanship of the Chairman of the State Duma Committee on Federal and local government, member of the Forum Organizing Committee V.B. Kitaeva, a regular meeting of the organizing Committee of All-Russian Strategic Planning Forum was held. The Committee formed the Program of the Forum and made clarifications to the content of the program of specific Forum Actions.

In summer 2014 in the framework of cooperation agreements in the Leontief Centre six students of St. Petersburg State University (Faculty of Political Science, Geography and Geoecology) and Graduate School of Management (the direction of state and municipal administration) have done internship training and participated in current projects of Leontief Centre.

## REWARDS AND HONORARY MENTIONS

Director-General of the ANO "Leontief Centre" L.E. Limonov has been praised by the organizers of the following research events:

- The 54th Congress of the European regional science Association (ERSA);
- International summer school HSE - St. Petersburg devoted to the study of the impact of cultural events on small and medium-sized cities Impacts of Cultural Events on Small and Medium-size Art-oriental Towns (ISE-SMART 2014).



## PUBLICATIONS



**Analytical review "The Socio-Economic Situation in St. Petersburg" № 129 (May - June) 2014 r.** Newsletter "The socio-economic situation in St. Petersburg" is published by ICSEER Leontief centre from 1992 to 6 times a year, is distributed by subscription. Each issue (volume 25 - 30 pages, in Russian and English) contains statistical and informational materials (including research results of experts Leontief centre), characterizing the state and the development of industry and urban infrastructure, information on the budget, the real estate market, living standards and employment in St. Petersburg.

Read more on the web-site of Leontief Centre - <http://www.obzor.leontief.ru/>



**Overview of key events and decisions of the European Union Regional Policy, NNº 25 and Jubilee 2014 r.**



**The Economics of science: methodology, theory and practice/** Ed. by A. P. Zaostrovtshev - ICSEER "Leontief centre". SPb: ICSEER Leontief centre, 2014.- 267 pages ISBN 978-5-913600-012-7.

The book is prepared according to the materials of the annual international conference "Leontief Readings", which was held in February 2014, it presents articles by economists in three different areas of socio-economic research. The reader will be able to get acquainted with the methodology of economic theory, its application to the study of international relations and problems of Russia. The collection includes the papers of the former Czech President and economist, known

for his skepticism toward the EU, Vaclav Klaus, and almost not published during many years of being in the position of Chairman of the Central Bank Sergei Ignatiev. The book will be of interest both to specialists in the field of social Sciences, and all the studying and interested in the economic theory, its practical application and relevant socio-economic aspects of contemporary Russian life.

On the website of Leontief centre in the electronic journal "Current economic problems of Russia posted an electronic version of the book "the Economics of science: methodology, theory and practice" <http://www.wleontief.ru/rus/program2014.html>.



**Regional economy and spatial development. Volumes I. Regional Economy. Theory, models and methods: a textbook for undergraduate and graduate / under the General editorship of L. E. Limonov. - M ..: Yurait Publishing, 2014. - 397 p.**

The 1<sup>st</sup> volume of a book introduces the reader to the theories, models and methods of regional economic and spatial development. The study of theoretical principles and models is complemented by empirical studies and examples, based on the theory analysis of the regional policy, its objectives and instruments. The book systematically highlights achievements of spatial economics, including the new economic geography and its empirical application considered modifications and applications of basic macro and microeconomic theory to regional issues, the role of innovation, human capital, the creative class, social capital, institutions and culture of the local and regional development.

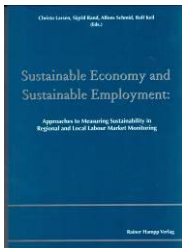
**Regional economy and spatial development. Volume II. Regional governance and territorial development: a textbook for** The 2nd volume contains an analysis of the social and economic differences of the Russian regions, their typology, evaluation of development (part 2) and system description of regional economic policy types, its instruments, mechanisms of

development of the problem areas and methods of evaluating the effectiveness of territorial policy (part 3).

The book contains illustrative material, statistical data and case-studies. Analysis of theories and methods accompanied with analysis of Russian statistics and regional economic policy. This book, will introduce the students to the fundamental theory and its applications, and will teach them how to develop recommendations and evaluations in the field of regional economic policy.

Complies with the Federal state educational standard of higher education the fourth generation.

The book is intended for graduate students, studying in the field of "Regional economy, regional Studies", "Spatial Economics" in "State and municipal management", "Management of urban development, etc. Can be useful to undergraduate and graduate students, teachers and researchers.



The article written by the head of the research Department Nina Oding "**Green Jobs /Skills on the Regional Market of Russia**" published in the monograph "Sustainable Economy and Sustainable Employment: Approaches to measuring Sustainability in Regional and Local Labour Market Monitoring", Christa Larsen, Sigrid Rand, Alfons Schmid, Rolf Keil (Eds.), publisher Rainer Hampp Verlag (Munich, Germany).

## WEB SITES



Updating information on websites in the shared network Leontief.net:

- ICSE "Leontief centre" ([www.leontief.ru](http://www.leontief.ru))
- All-Russian Forum on Strategic Planning ([www.forumstrategov.ru](http://www.forumstrategov.ru))
- The Internet portal "Partnerstvo Business Centre" (<http://www.bc-partnerstvo.ru>)



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