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PROJECTS



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

In cooperation with Ministry for Economy of Tatarstan Republic

The strategy "Tatarstan-2030" is being developed on behalf of Rustam Minnikhanov, President of Tatarstan, by consortium led by "International Centre for Social and Economic Research" Leontief Centre" (with participation of an Investment and Consulting company AV Group, LLC "Laboratory of Urban Planning", Independent Center of Sociological Research, the Independent Institute for Social Policy, Audit and Consulting company EY, Research Institute of Nomur) together with the government of Tatarstan. The final goal of strategy is development of the economy, adequate to XXI century and integrated into the global economic system.

During October-November 2014, series of events to discuss the developed strategic documents have been held:

- October 1, in Kazan a strategic session interdisciplinary project site "Development of Oil and Gas Complex" was hosted;
- October 3 was a project seminar area "Innovation, Information and Technology";
- October 21 – 25: expert seminars and project sites: Natural Resources; the development of oilgaschemical complex; the development of Almetyevskaya and Kama economic zones;
- October 28 within the framework of the XIII All-Russian Forum "Strategic planning in the regions and cities of Russia: Revisioning strategies, Renewing meanings" (St. Petersburg) there was a round table "Priorities of the development strategy of the Tatarstan Republic ", which was attended by members of the Expert Council of "Tatarstan-2030", heads of ministries of the Republic of Tatarstan, as well as experts of the project.
- November 14, Kazan hosted a conference "Tatarstan-2030: human capital for the economy of the future", which was devoted to the discussion of the first edition of socio-economic development of the Tatarstan Republic till 2030. The conference was attended by members of the State Council of the Republic of Tatarstan, government members, representatives of the largest companies Republic and policymakers;

At the end of 2014 the first edition of the Strategy, revised in the light of comments and suggestions was handed over to the main customer.

Project web-site: <http://tatarstan2030.ru>.



Providing consulting services at the preparation stage of the project "Preservation and development of small historic towns and settlement"

Project of the Ministry of Culture of the Russian Federation with the support of the World Bank (Project Implementation Unit - Foundation for Investment Projects in St. Petersburg (FISP)).

Leontief Centre is the lead partner of an international consortium of consultants to prepare the project "Preservation and development of small historical towns and settlements." The work includes the study and evaluation of the condition and value of cultural heritage, tourism potential of 9-historical cities of Russia, as well as the development of the concept of socio-economic development through tourism and cultural and educational potential. Participants and recipients of the project are the cities: Vyborg, Gorokhovets, Torzhok, Chistopol, Arzamas, Rostov, Staraya Russa, Suzdal, and Tutayev which were selected to participate in the project as a result of the competition held by the Ministry of Culture of the Russian Federation.



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

As VH is a tourism route 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 via cross-border cooperation.

Leontief Center coordinates activity of Russian partners in project targets realization and also activity of partners from all countries in accomplishment of infrastructure development and in preparation of essential technical project documentation.

The Final Conference of Via Hanseatica was held in St. Petersburg at the XIII All-Russian Forum "Strategic Planning in Regions and Cities of Russia". The Final Conference was attended by over 100 representatives of the border regions of Estonia, Latvia and Russia.

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 in St. Petersburg is to develop a technique of designing user-friendly, affordable and attractive public spaces for citizens, as well as their implementation in pilot municipalities.

The main results of the discussion were presented in October, 27 in St. Petersburg within the framework of GREEN DAY XIII All-Russian Forum «Strategic Planning in the Regions and Cities of Russia». Partners of the project discussed new opportunities for sustainable development and planning of the urban environment.

Project web-site: www.saga.leontief-centre.ru.



Modern Entrepreneurship and Territorial Development in Rural Areas

Employer – Information office of Nordic Council of ministers in Saint

Petersburg.

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 adaptation of Northern European models and strategies on modernization of the economy of rural areas, strengthening urban-rural partnership and interaction between municipalities of Nordic countries and Northwest Russia. The main objectives of the project is to identify best practices Nordic and North-West regions of the Russian Federation concerning the forms of cooperation between municipal rural and regional authorities; public participation in the preservation of natural diversity; local initiatives for social and economic development, including the preservation and development of local traditions and crafts as part of a tool for economic growth. Leontief Centre is one of the project coordinators.

On October 27, within the framework of XIII All-Russian Forum "Strategic Planning in the Regions and Cities of Russia" (St. Petersburg) was devoted to this project session "rural-urban partnership for sustainable development: the experience of the Baltic Sea Region", in which was attended by representatives of foreign partners project - Committee on Spatial Planning and Development in the Baltic Sea Region VASAB, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). The session discussed the modernization of European policies in rural areas, which can be the basis for the formation of a new system of rural-urban land use planning in Russia, based on sustainable development and innovation.

<http://www.forumstrategov.ru/rus/program/stol10.html>.

<http://www.forumstrategov.ru/rus/program/stol26.html>.



Impact of infrastructure on the level of industrial development in 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.



Eco-mobility - creating an accessible and safe environment.

Customer - Information Office of Nordic Council of Ministers in St. Petersburg.

The project is dedicated to the development of cycling infrastructure and promotion of environmentally friendly modes of transport in St. Petersburg and other cities of the North-West of Russia. The project will be implemented in the 2014-2016 with the participation of the Leontief Centre.

October 2, in LENEXPO within the framework of VII St. Petersburg International Innovation Forum was held a seminar NORDIC GREEN, dedicated to urban planning and health of citizens. This seminar gave a symbolic start to the project.

October 28, during Green Day at the XIII All-Russian Forum "Strategic Planning in the Regions and Cities of Russia" (St. Petersburg) experts and project partners discussed the development of transport and urban mobility veloinfrastruktur, as well as approaches to successful strategic positioning of cultural tourism as part of local sustainable development.

<http://www.forumstrategov.ru/rus/program/stol21.html>

LEONTIEF CENTRE ENDOWMENT



RND Topics 2014

Within the framework of the theme "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.

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
- 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 are prepared for August – September, October – November 2014. Link to reviews posted on the page of the website of Russian Baltic Sea Region Programme (2007-2013).

<http://eu.baltic.net/RU.3908.html>.

PERTNERSHIP WITH NATIONAL RESEARCH UNIVERSITY - HSE



Inter-faculty Chair Leontief Centre HSE - St. Petersburg

The purpose of the base of the department is improving the educational process as a Bachelor and Master degree programmes of the St. Petersburg branch of the National Research University «Higher School of Economics» «State and municipal management» and «Economy» and the program of the Faculty of Public Administration National Research University <Higher School of Economics» by strengthening teaching and research links with Higher School of Economics and Leontief Centre, including through promotion of teachers - practitioners who are leading scientists of Leontief Centre for conducting courses in Master's degree programs in Higher School of Economics.

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

In Leontief Centre conducted classes for a number of disciplines Urban and Regional Economics HSE, St. Petersburg, as well as workshops scientific training laboratory urban studies (led by L. Limonov) HSE, St. Petersburg.

CONFERENCES, SEMINARS



Regular Meeting of the joint interdisciplinary seminar of Leontief Centre, Sociological Institute, HSE and St. Petersburg Institute of RAS.
Read more on the website: <http://www.leontief-centre.ru/content34>

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A. Yushkov, Bachelor of SPSU, Master of Economics of Bonn University, Fellow of the German fund DAAD, presented a report on a theme **"Fiscal Decentralization and Regional Economic Growth: Russian specificity"**.



October 3 at the Analytical Center of the Government of the Russian Federation held a conference **ARETT "Challenges for economic policy in the new environment."** At the conference with the presentation of the textbook "Regional economy and spatial development" the general director of ANO "Leontief Centre" is L. Limonov. At the conference, were awarded Medals ARETT Prize "New Generation", after which the laureates made reports. Read more on the website ARETT: <http://www.aret.ru/>



Graduate
School of Management
St. Petersburg University

October 17 Head of Research Department Nina Oding spoke at the round table "SMART CITIES in Russia" at the conference **"GSOM Emerging Markets Conference: Business and Government Perspectives"**, which took place in the Graduate School of Management. In addition, the same

day during a conference L. Limonov, N. Oding, O. Rusetskaya made a presentation of the textbook "Regional economy and spatial planning" in 2 volumes, prepared by a team of staff base chair Leontief Centre HSE, St. Petersburg and experts of Leontief Centre.



On October 27-28, 2014 **XIII All-Russian Forum "Strategic Planning in the Regions and Cities of Russia: revisioning strategies, renewing meanings"** was held.

Forum is organized by Ministry of Economic Development, the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of Russian Federation, Ministry of Finance of Russian Federation, Government of St. Petersburg, Foundation "Center for Strategic Research", ICSE "Leontief Centre". ICSE "Leontief Centre" has traditionally acted as the Forum operator, which provides technical organization of its preparation and implementation, as well as the formation of the Forum draft program.

The general partner of the Forum: Russian Direct Investment Fund.

With the financial support of Kudrin support civic initiatives.

Sponsors: State Corporation "Bank for Development and Foreign Economic Affairs (Vnesheconombank)" Business Club Shanghai Cooperation Organization.

Sponsors shares: Open Joint Stock Company "Russian Railways", "Hometown" - a program of social investment "Gazprom Neft", NGO "Krista", LLC "Vladprodsnab."

General Information Partners: "Vedomosti" MIA "Russia Today", "Parliamentary newspaper" Eurasian communications center, "Rossiyskaya Gazeta", a daily electronic socio-political newspaper "Utro.ru." newspaper "Business and Life", the publishing house "Beep", International Assembly of Capitals and Cities.

Information partners: magazine "Expert North-West", Journal BUSINESSPARTNER, IA CCI "Inform" magazine "Peace and Policy", Journal BUSINESS MAGAZINE, 54 Congress of the European Regional Science Association, Journal "Strategy", Publishing House "Budget", Journal "STAGE: Economic Theory Analysis, Practice," Journal of the BLS (Bulletin of construction equipment), the magazine "The Municipality: Economics and Management" magazine "Business Management", a monthly business magazine "Business Russia" magazine "Self-Regulation & Business", NGO "Russian Guild of Managers and Developers" (RGUD), Bellona, the publication "Standards and Quality", Journal "Municipal Russia", Agency for Strategic Initiatives.

Choice of a XIII Forum theme is due to the adoption of the new Federal Law "About the strategic planning in Russian Federation", which is master-piece of the regional context for strategy

development and it sets out requirements for updating documents of strategic management at all levels.

Forum was attended by more than 1200 experts from 11 countries and 67 regions of Russian Federation. There was held 3 plenary sessions and 29 shares - round tables, expert panels, workshops, etc., where were about 260 speakers and moderators. Key speakers included representatives of federal, regional and municipal authorities, as well as well-known Russian and international experts.

ICSER "Leontief Centre" was the head organizer of four round-table discussions, devoted to questions of international cooperation, a rural-urban partnership in the Baltic Sea region, development of culture and tourism of the Baltic Sea region, strategic planning by law, and also became a co-organizer of eight events.



More information about the Forum is in press releases and on the website: <http://www.forumstrategov.ru/>



On October 30, 2014 Arthur Batchaev, Head of the Strategic Planning Department, participated in the workshop on **socio-economic development of the Leningrad Region**, which was held in Sosnovy Bor. Arthur Batchaev made a presentation on a theme "Methodological approaches to development of strategic planning documents in municipalities. Ensurance of consistency and synchronization of the provisions of strategic planning documents in the region and its constituent municipalities". The seminar was attended by leaders of the Economic Development and Investment

Activity Committee in Leningrad region, municipalities, and representatives of scientific and expert organizations.



On November 14, **The 10th Conference "Cross-border cooperation: Russian Federation, European Union and Norway"** was held in St. Petersburg. Irina Karelina, Director General of Leontief Centre, participated in the conference and acted as a moderator at the meeting "From individual projects to integrated development of border areas. World and Russian experience".

Read more on the website: www.investa.spb.ru



ФОРУМ БУДУЩИЙ ПЕТЕРБУРГ. 2014

On November 20, 2014 Nina Oding, Head of Research Department, took part as an expert in the **VI Annual Forum "Future St.Petersburg"** (St.Petersburg, hotel "Astoria"), in the roundtable "An evolution of society and the role of urban communities in the development of the city".



On November 27-28, 2014 Elizabeth Kolchinskaya, Senior Researcher, participated in the conference «**The Regional Studies Association Winter Conference 2014 'Sustainable Recovery? Rebalancing, Growth, and the Space Economy'**» (London) and made a presentation «Investment attractiveness and real sector of economy of Russian regions».

Read more on the website: <http://www.regionalstudies.org/>

NETWORK OF PARTNERS



ТАТНЕФТЕХИМИИ ВЕСТИ
КОЛДИНГ

On October 1, 2014 **Boris Zhikharevich**, Supervisor of the development of the document entitled "Tatarstan-2030", told about the place of petrochemical complex (Novy) in the socio-economic development of Tatarstan til 2030. The main thesis of his speech was the idea that if Tatarstan wants to be competitive, it is only possible in the global dimension. Boris Zhikharevich emphasized the main competitive advantage of the Republic - the synergy of fuel and energy clusters. The first draft of the strategy will be submitted to the management of Tatarstan in December

Read more on the website: <http://tatarstan.ru/rus/index.htm/news/343608.htm>



Петербургский
Международный
Инновационный
Форум

October 2, in LENEXPO during the 7th St. Petersburg international innovation forum, the **NORDIC GREEN** seminar took place. It is dedicated to issues of cities planning and citizens` health. The seminar is held with the help the St. Petersburg foreign relations committee.

NORDIC GREEN is a kick-of event of the Nordic Council of Ministers' project 'Green Mobility – towards Clean, Healthy and Accessible Environment' which aims at development of cycling infrastructure and promotion of eco-friendly transport in St. Petersburg and other cities of North-West Russia. The project will be implemented in 2014-2016 with participation of the Leontief Center.



In Moscow, on 3 October 2014 was accomplished **General assembly of members of Assosiation of Russian Economic Think-Tanks (ARETT)**, where chairman of ANO "ICSER Leontief Centre" Irina Karelina was re-elected as a member of board of ARETT. Also in session took part Leonid Limonov.

More information on <http://www.aret.ru/>



On October 29, 2014 Sergey Poltavchenko held a regular meeting of an Economic Council in Smolny. The main issues on the agenda were the key areas of economic policy in the city under the Strategy of economic and social development of St. Petersburg for the period up to

2030.

The meeting was attended by Irina Karelina and Leonid Limonov, members of an Economic Council of the Governor of St. Petersburg.

Read more on the website: <http://gov.spb.ru/press/governor/>



On November 9-14 Secretary General of the Leontief Centre Elena Belova took part in **the Study Visit to Reykjavik** (Iceland) "Labor Environment, Occupational Safety and Health in Northern Europe". Participants have discussed the challenges of labor market safety with representatives from Icelandic parliament, Ministry of Welfare of Iceland, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ombudsman and labor organizations and also participated in the Conference on Gender equality in the labour market. Moreover, during the 12-13 November, participants were able to join Nordregio Forum - Nordic Bioeconomy and Regional Innovation. This year the Forum was focused on the potential of bioeconomy for growth and inclusive development in peripheral and sparsely populated regions.



On November 2014, Urban strategies competition in frames of the XIII All-Russian Forum "Strategic Planning in the Regions and Cities of Russia: renewing strategies, renewing meanings" was held, where were invited municipalities of Russian Federation with a population of over 95 thousand of people (according to Rosstat on 01.01.2014), approved the strategic document from the January 1, 2014 to June 1, 2014. There was established a nomination - **"Best city strategy"**. The competition was organized by Organizing Committee of XIII All-Russian Forum "Strategic Planning in the Regions and Cities of Russia", ICSE Leontief Centre appointed as an operator. Working Group of the Competition was formed among the members of the Organizing Committee and representatives of the co-organizers of the Forum, and Irina Karelina, Director General of Leontief Centre, was approved as the Head. Boris Zhikharevich, Director of Resource Centre for Strategic Planning under Leontief Centre, became a Competition research consultant and responsible for the formation of the Competition expert jury. Final of the Competition took place on the first day of the XIII All-Russian Forum and 7 cities won for the win: Vologda, Irkutsk, Kaliningrad, Novoshhtinsk, Orsk, Samara and Cherepovets. The winner was determined by an expert jury in an open vote. Equal number of votes scored two cities: SAMARA and CHEREPOVETS.



Read more on the website: <http://www.forumstrategov.ru/rus/128.html>



On November 20, 2014 In Moscow the meeting of the **Association of Economic Analysis Centers (ARETT)** was held, which was attended by Irina Karelina, Chairman of the Supervisory Board of ANO "Leontief Centre". Read more on the website: <http://www.aret.ru/>.



On November 25, 2014 In Warsaw (Poland) the regular meeting of **the Programme and Monitoring Committees of the Transnational Programme (EU) Baltic Sea Region 2014-2020** was held. Irina Karelina, Director General of Leontief Centre, attended the meeting as an observer. More information is on the program website: www.eu.baltic.net.



On November 26-27, 2014 In Warsaw (Poland) **the conference "Funding cooperation: Interreg Baltic Sea Region Programme Conference 2014"** was held. Irina Karelina, Director General of Leontief Centre, and Elena Belova, Scientific

Secretary, took part in the conference. More information is on the website: <http://www.interreg-baltic.eu/event-detail/event/funding-cooperation-interreg-baltic-sea-region-programme-conference-2014.html>.



On December 8, 2014 Irina Karelina, Director General of Leontief Centre, took part in the **Grand Jury Prize "The Civil Initiative"**, organized by Kudrin's Foundation of Civic Initiatives Support.

Read more on the website: <http://komitetgi.ru/projects/765/>



On December 11, 2014 Irina Karelina, Director General of ICSEER "Leontief Centre", took part in **General meeting of founders NGO «Strategic Partnership on economic and social development on North-West Federal District»**.

Read more on the website: www.n-west.ru



On December 18, 2014 **Irina Karelina**, Director General of ICSEER "Leontief Centre", took part in a meeting of the Civil Initiatives Committee, where discussed the results of work in the past year and objectives on 2015. It was attended by members of the Committee, project managers, regional coordinators and experts.

Read more on the website: <http://komitetgi.ru>

In 2014 Leontief Centre was actively working with the **students of St. Petersburg universities**. During the year 11 students from St. Petersburg State University, St. Petersburg State University of Economics and St. Petersburg branch of NRU "Higher School of Economics" passed the practice under the supervision of Leontief Centre.

On May, 2014 Leontief Centre organized training with regional and urban statistics for students of Urban and Regional Economics Department of HSE - St. Petersburg. Training was led by Marina Nesena, Senior Researcher of ICSEER "Leontief Centre".

57 students were involved as volunteers to organising the XIII All-Russian Forum "Strategic Planning in Regions and Cities of Russia: Revisioning Strategies, Renewing Meanings". Volunteers participated in registration of the Forum participants and members of the media, worked in halls, where events took place.

10 students of the St. Petersburg branch of the NRU "Higher School of Economics" and the St. Petersburg State University of Economics are currently writing theses under the leadership of Leontief Centre in areas of economics and management.

Diploma students are supervised by Arthur Batchaev, Head of Strategic Planning Department, Olga Rusetskaya, Head of Investment Planning Department and Elizaveta Kolchinskaya, Senior Researcher.

PUBLICATIONS



Analytical review "Socio-Economic Situation in St. Petersburg" № 130 (July-August), № 131 (September-October) 2014 г.


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.

The overview provides a unique opportunity for investors, entrepreneurs, researchers and journalists to learn about the development of St. Petersburg.

Among other sources the authors of the overview use the report on socio-economic development in St. Petersburg and Leningrad region prepared by Petrostat (Statistical service).

In order to download the latest issues of the overview please fill the registration

	<p>form. The registration will allow you access to the overview's materials while we will learn more about our readers. Read more on the web-site of Leontief Centre - http://www.obzor.leontief.ru/</p>
	<p>Overview of key events and decisions of the European Union Regional Policy, NN^o 26-28 2014 г. For more information see "Leontief Centre Endowment Fund."</p>
	<p>A. R. Batchayev "The major factors defining opportunities and results of social and economic development of regions and municipalities of Russia" Structural reforms for stimulation of growth of regional economy: experience of Russia and Germany. The collection of scientific articles / Under the editorship of L. P. Sovershayeva. – SPb.: Skifiya-print, 2014. – Page 20-22. This article shows the essence of factors, defining the impact on the development of the Russian regions and the cities. The author considers distinctions between external and internal factors, analysis approaches. The article states that the factors differ on degree of orientation and influence on the specific region or municipality. The theses and conclusions provided in article are supported with examples of factors for strategic planning and conceptual documents development in St. Petersburg and the Leningrad region.</p>
	<p>A. R. Batchayev, Boris Zhikharevich "St. Petersburg during the Post-Soviet period: economic strategy and development" // Economic and social changes: facts, tendencies, forecast No. 4 (34), 2014. – Page 68-83. The article is devoted to the main results and features of development of St. Petersburg economy during the Post-Soviet period. The purpose of this work was to define the impact of city planning on the development of St. Petersburg during this period. As a result, seven key stages in development of the city economy for the last 22 years, and also four stages of development of system of socio-economic planning are allocated. Following these results, the authors came to the conclusion that program-planning documents turnover cycle and changes in the approaches to state planning are more likely to come from the outside of St. Petersburg and are connected with the external conditions. Development of the city strategic, conceptual and other program and planned documents renders still not really great influence on a development of the city.</p>
	<p>Andrey Zaostrovtssev, the book "About development and underdevelopment: how economists explain history?" has published (SPb. Publisher - European University in St. Petersburg, 2014. - 248 p., ISBN 978-5-94380-180-8). The book reveals and compares concepts of economists to explain the course of history, nature, progress and backwardness of countries and peoples. In this book presented views of Douglass North and his co-authors, Daron Acemoglu and James Robinson, Deepak Lal, Ludwig von Mises and his followers, Deirdre McCloskey. This panorama of economic thought provides a look at the issues raised from various points of view. Author adhered to principle of impartiality in his presentation. The authors, presented in the book, focus mainly on disclosure of puzzle of modern economic growth, which is not more than 200 years. What made humanity much richer today than two centuries ago? Why this growth started initially in Western Europe and USA? What sets the pace today? What is the reason of differences in countries development level? Is there a way out of underdevelopment? Solving these and many other similar questions, the authors offer a universal concepts, that reveal from their view the entire course of human history. As a result, you can see how economists explain history. The book is written for economists and for all researchers in the social sciences. It will be useful to teachers of social sciences and students of these disciplines.</p>

	<p>Reading it will give much food for thought to anyone who is interested in history and global issues of our time.</p>
	<p>Andrey Zaostrovtssev "Economist about history: Deydra Makkloski's concept"//in Economy Questions No. 12 2014 magazine, p. 129-145</p> <p>Article analyzes the view on history and progress of mankind presented in recent basic researches of Deydra Makkloski. The emphasis is put on his distinctive non-materialistic approach to the source of historical. Also coincidence of views of the author with the ones of Ludwig von Mises is highlighted. The first part of article deals with the polemics of Makkloski, featuring almost every known concept, explaining the rise of the Western world to the economic growth and welfare. The second part covers her own theory connecting this break with radical change of the rhetoric which recognizes "bourgeois virtues" and bourgeoisie advantage. And finally, attention is focused on the fact that according to Makkloski's, history is neither predefined, nor irreversible.</p>
	<p>Almanac of the Center of researches of economic culture of faculty of free arts and sciences St.Petersburg State University / Faculty of free arts and sciences of St.Petersburg State University, Publishing house of institute of Gaidar. Moscow, St. Petersburg, 2014.</p> <p>The collection included articles of staff of the Leontief Centre:</p> <p>Andrey Zaostrovtssev "Douglas Nort about culture and historical development".</p> <p>The review of views of Douglas Nort of process of historical development and role of culture in this process is presented in article. Its views on belief, formal and informal institutes, the organizations reveal. Nort's positions stated in his work "Understanding of process of economic changes" (2005) and the collective monograph with its participation "Violence and social orders" (2009) are compared. The conclusion about "two Nortakh" is drawn: in the first of works it puts forward for a role of the determining factors of process of economic changes of belief and institutes as components of the concept "culture"; in the second belief are considered as part of institutes, and the culture remains out of sight of authors, being replaced with violence as object of research when studying social orders.</p> <p>D. V. Kadochnikov "Political and ideological arguments in discussions on the need of international financial and economic coordination during the period between two World Wars".</p> <p>Article is devoted to evolution of methodology and ideology of economic science and economic policy during the period between the two Wars. How was international economic cooperation justified in the early 1920s? What were the end goals of this cooperation? Why was there a fundamental in the understanding of the purposes of international cooperation in the 1930s?</p> <p>Nina Oding "Establishment of property institution and management of state property in Russia".</p> <p>The goal of this article is to consider interrelation of a private property institution, the state and a state property in Russia. The author analyzes the features of formation of a private property institution in Russia caused by the previous development and observed in daily practice. Rather short and interrupting period of the private-ownership relations development in Russia defined not only the weakness of institute of property which is shown in disrespect of the rights, absence of the specification and protection of ownership rights, but also inefficient functioning of a public sector of economy and management of state-owned property including the land.</p>



Boris Zhikharevich, Taras Pribyshin «Diffusion of Practic of Strategic Planning in Russian Cities and Towns in 1997–2013» // in

Regional Research of Russia, 2014, Vol. 4, No. 4, pp. 279–285. © Pleiades Publishing, Ltd., 2014. DOI 10.1134/S2079970514040236

Information about the diffusion of the administrative innovation of strategic planning in Russian cities and towns with over 100 000 inhabitants in 1997–2013 has been collected and analyzed. The study covered 174 cities where official documents on long-term socioeconomic planning. The collected databank of 130 documents shows the dynamics and territorial scope of the process. The main results of the study are as follows: (1) Cities with long-term strategies make up 60% of the analyzed total. (2) In 1997–2005, number of cities with long-term strategies was growing slowly, but in 2006, the growth sharply accelerated after the completion of reforms in municipal self-governance. (3) The territorial diffusion of the innovation followed the center-to-periphery law, i.e., its en masse diffusion was affected by administrative factors and diffusion in any federal districts accelerated after the strategy was adopted by the district capitals. (4) The most rapid adoption of strategic planning was observed in cities with over 250000 inhabitants. (5) There is a direct relation between a city’s success manifested as the absence of a decrease in population and the adoption of strategic urban planning.



Article by Elizaveta Kolchinskaya, A. L. Kalishenko, I. M. Lementa "Research of dynamics in real economy development of the Russian regions" //

Regional economy – theory and practice. 2014. No. 41 (368). Page 47-60
Differentiation of regions based on economic and social development is one of serious management problems in Russia. Identification of the reasons and manifestations of such distinction will give to researchers and public authorities’ necessary information for their work. Here the authors review integrated indicators of regions’ real economy on the basis of substest linear combination method.

Elizaveta Kolchinskaya "Investment attractiveness and real economy of Russian regions"

The importance of attracting investments in the economy of the country and the region is difficult to overestimate. Rise in the standard of living of the population (through the creation of new work places), the increase in the scale of the real sector and other effects of investments in the region result in improving regional infrastructure, which, in turn, improves the investment attractiveness of the region. However, the real data check is of considerable interest – weather the described regularity and the assessment of the degree of mutual influence are always observed in the Russian economy. For the purpose of this test and evaluation in this paper, a comparison of the data on the investment attractiveness of Russian regions with the assessment of the dynamics of development of the real sector in these regions has been made. It can be said that the hypotheses advanced in the beginning of the article have been confirmed, although not in full. Most regions that had unfavorable investment climate at the beginning of the years 2000 showed low integral indices of the real sector performance in subsequent years.

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The article reviews transport and construction businesses. The assumption of the article that the regions with favorable investment climate at the beginning of the 21st century will show even more dynamic pogrress in the field of economy and its separate sectors in the next years has not been fully approved.

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