



## **NEWSLETTER № 2 (24)**

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In 2011, Leontief Centre celebrates its 20th anniversary. The International Centre for Social and Economic Research - Leontief Centre was established in 1991 on the initiative of the Mayor of St. Petersburg Anatoliy Sobchak and Wassily Leontief, a St. Petersburg-born economist and Nobel Prize winner. For more information about Leontief Centre history go to <http://www.leontief.ru/>

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

On October 17 – 18, 2011 in Saint-Petersburg **X All-Russian Forum Strategic Planning in Regions and Cities of Russia: Resources for Development** 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, ICSEER Leontief Centre. General sponsor of the Forum: Russian Agricultural Bank. Registration of the participants is on the web site <http://www.forumstrategov.ru>

### **RESEARCH & PROJECTS**

**Strategies of Socio-Economic Development of Syktyvkar Urban District Municipality till 2025 and Comprehensive Programme of Socio-Economic Development of Syktyvkar Urban District Municipality (2011-2020).** Syktyvkar City Administration is the customer of the Project. On June 29, 2011 public hearings, at which the draft Strategy and Programme, presented by Boris Zhikharevich, the project manager were held. On July 8, 2011 the strategy was adopted by the Council of Syktyvkar City. Implementation of the project is completed.

**The Nordic-Russian Exchange Programme for Local Civil Servants** is a Nordic-proposed initiative to strengthen local civil servants capacity and networks between the Nordic region and Northwest Russia. The goal of the Programme is to engage at least 170 local civil servants from Northwest Russian local administrations and Nordic municipalities (Denmark, Iceland, Norway, Sweden and Finland) in exchange and networking activities, such as seminars and study visits.

On April 4-6, 2011 in Pori (Finland) the fourth study visit on theme Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises took place

On April 10-13, 2011 in Bodö (Norway) the fifth study visit on theme Municipal Environmental Governance took place.

On April 27-29, 2011 in Aarhus (Denmark) the sixth study visit on theme

Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises took place.

**The Emerging Innovation in Northern Europe Programme** is a Nordic-proposed initiative to strengthen Nordic-Russian co-operation, capacity building and networking among Nordic and Northwest Russian innovators, through a comprehensive programme of seminars, lectures, workshops and study visits.

On May 24, 2011 in the conference hall of Leontief Centre the final seminar of the Programme Innovations in Northern Europe, which brought together project participants of the Nordic countries and Northwest Russia, was held. In the framework of the seminar Programme participants discussed the priority areas for further collaboration to support innovation in the Nordic countries and Northwest Russia.

**Strengthening of Networking and Building Non-Profit Organizations Promoting Sustainable Regional Development and Support of Small and Medium Business.**

The project is implemented under the Knowledge Building and Networking Programme in North-West Russia under Nordic Council of Ministers. Leontief Center acts as administrator of this project, which aims at strengthening the capacity of nonprofit organizations that promoting sustainable regional development and SME support. The project goal is to create a

network of nonprofit organizations supporting small and medium-sized businesses in Sweden, Poland and North-West Russia, as well as capacity building of NGOs in the sphere of sustainable development and competencies.

Six nonprofit organizations were selected to participate in the project. They have been granted the following options:

- participation in start training in Stockholm on the basis of the lead project partner NGOs The Natural Step (Stockholm) with the issuance of an international certificate and license with the right to use within a year of teaching materials and know-how TNS Planning for Sustainability in the field of business consulting and support for SMEs;
- membership of NGOs in international partner network of non-commercial organizations, aimed at sharing experiences and best practices for sustainable development in Sweden, Poland and the North-West Russia;
- participation as a partner in an international project aimed at developing the hospitality industry on the principles of sustainable development and social responsibility;
- study the best practices for sustainable development of enterprises of tourist industry in Stockholm and Krakow;
- promotion of the most successful enterprises through an international network of partners and key project activities.

The project partners prepared the project proposal **Greenways Heritage: St. Petersburg-Krakow-Prague**, submitted for funding in a grant Programme for nonprofit organizations in the Baltic Sea.

**Multiscale Transformation of Socio-economic Space in Different External Conditions of Society and Economy Functioning** - the sub-project, in which Leontief Centre takes part, is the part of the Programme of the Presidium of RAS Fundamental Problems of Spatial Development of the Russian Federation: Interdisciplinary Synthesis.

In the framework of the project the monograph named **Urgent Problems of Agglomerations Development** is being prepared. The monograph will discuss the main approaches to defining agglomeration and related concepts (metropolitan area, suburban area, urbanization, suburbanization, spatial planning, territorial organization of society, etc.). It will show the position and role of urban agglomerations in the development of the modern world, analyze the processes of transformation of St.-Petersburg metropolitan area space.

In the framework of **University Project of the Association of Independent Centers of Economic Analysis (ARETT, Moscow)**, participant of which is Leontief Centre, training of students of higher educational institutions of St. Petersburg in Leontief Center was organized. 6 students from several universities take part in realization of Leontief Centre current projects.

## LEONTIEF CENTRE ENDOWMENT

Research and Scientific Work 2011. **Features and Factors of Spatial Development of the St. Petersburg Metropolitan Area in the Post-Soviet Period** analyzes the institutional factors and evaluation of spatial development of urban agglomerations. The object of its study is the St. Petersburg agglomeration. On June 2, 2011 held a seminar of Research and Scientific Work participants, whose purpose was to discuss the main results of the first phase of work and identify areas for further research, was held.

**Research and Scientific Legal Registration of Property Rights: Failure Diagnosis 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. In June, under this topic Leontief Centre has begun conducting an expert survey to collect empirical data.

## PARTNERSHIP WITH NATIONAL RESEARCH UNIVERSITY – HIGHER SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS

On February 22, 2011 Academic Council of National Research University Higher School of Economics (Moscow) has approved the concept and decided to establish a **base chair of ICSE Leontief Centre** in the St. Petersburg branch of the Higher School of Economics. Irina Karelina, Director General of Leontief Centre, has become the Head of the Department.

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). For its implementation Scientific Study Group was established, which consists of Leontief Centre researchers, professors and students of the St. Petersburg branch of National Research University – Higher School of Economics.

On April 25, 2011 in Leontief Centre, Scientific Study Group seminar, where students gave presentations on models and factors, including institutional factors of spatial development, was held.

On June 6, 2011 seminar on summarizing the work of interns and researchers in the first half of the year, putting their reports and presentations, as well as continuing consideration of theoretical issues and models of spatial development factors analysis, was held. Dmitry Pokrovsky, Professor of St. Petersburg branch of National Research University – Higher School of Economics, Scientist of Scientific Study Group, made a report on theme Economic Inspection of Hypothesis in Models of New Economic Geography.

At the beginning of June, **web site of Scientific and Educational Group** has started its work <http://www.lui.hse.spb.ru>

On June 29, 2011 Center for Basic Research of HSE approved a report on the **activities of Scientific and Educational Group** in the first half of the year. The group's work will be continued according to plan.

In June, Scientific and Educational Group for the implementation of research **Analysis of Institutional Factors of Spatial Development of Urban Agglomerations** was reorganized into the **Laboratory of Urban Studies**, acting as a structural unit of the St. Petersburg branch of the HSE. Leonid Limonov is the Head of Laboratory.

## 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 April 8, 2011 presentation of three-volume book **«History of New Russia. Essays. Interview.»** was held. Edition was presented by Peter Filippov, Director of the project Lessons of the Ninetieth, and the authors: Sergey Aleksashenko, Director of Macroeconomic Research of The National Research University Higher School of Economics (HSE); Vladimir Berman, State Counselor of St. Petersburg first Class; Mikhail Gorniy, Associate Professor of Applied Political Science St. Petersburg branch of The National Research University Higher School of Economics (HSE); Anton Monin, Consultant in sales, personal finances managing and personal growth.

(Journal «Profile» №11(710) от 28.03.2011). The report was presented by the authors. Sergey Schelin, Eugeny Baki-Borodov, Vladimir Berman, Andrey Veyher, Dmitriy Travin, Dmitriy Molkovskiy, Andrey Zaostrovsev questioned and made comments.

- On April 16, 2011 discussion of report of Sergey Belanovsky and Mikhail Dmitriev - **The Political Crisis in Russia and Possible Mechanisms of Its Development**, was held.

- April 18, 2011 - report **«Emperor Pedro I and the Formation of the Brazilian State»**. Speaker: Sergey Vasilyev, Doctor of Economic Sciences, Professor of Economic Theory and World Economy of St. Petersburg State University of Economics and Finance, Board Member, Vice-Chairman of Vnesheconombank, scientific director of the Leontief Centre, Chairman of the Business Council Russia-Brazil.

- May 17, 2011 - report «**What Statistic Can?»**», devoted to 200 years since foundation of Statistic Service of Russia. Speaker: Oleg Nikiforov, Head of Petrostat (Territorial Agency of the Federal State Statistics Service in St. Petersburg and Leningrad Region).

- May 31, 2011 - presentation of new book of Douglass C. North, John Joseph Wallis, and Barry R. Weingast, **Violence and Social Orders: A Conceptual Framework for Interpreting Recorded Human History**. Reports were devoted to the presentation of the book: Danila Raskov «Institutional Research as the Future of Social Sciences»; Andrey Zaostrovstev «Natural State: Russian Version».

- June 30, 2011 - discussion «**Economic Mainstream: the Socialist Utopia, or the only True Doctrine?**». In free contest against "Austrians" in the face of Andrey Zaostrovstev (Associate Professor of Saint-Petersburg State University of Economics and Finance, Leading Researcher of the Leontief Centre) and Pavel Usanov (Associate Professor of Saint-Petersburg branch of the National Research University Higher School of Economics, Director of the Hayek Institute), came out "neoclassicalist" in the face of Petr Grebennikov (Professor of Saint-Petersburg branch of the Higher School of Economics).

For more information about Interdisciplinary Seminar go to <http://www.leontief.ru/conf/md/>

On April 5-7, 2011 Leontief Centre members took part in the **XII International Academic Conference on Economics and Society Development** (Moscow). The conference was organized by the National Research University Higher School of Economics assistance of the World Bank and IMF. Chairman of the organizing committee was Evgeniy Yasin, Academic Supervisor of the HSE. On the meetings Leontief Centre colleagues made speeches: Tatiana Vlasova "Institutional Problems of Cultural Tourism Development in Regions", Boris Zhikharevich "Assessing the Impact of Regional Authorities Anti-Crisis Actions in Northwest Russia", Nina Oding "Readiness Assessment of Objects of Historical Heritage for Use during Implementation of the Territory Cultural Potential", Olga Rusetskaya "Development Dynamics and Support Tools of Small Businesses in the Regions of North-West Russia during the Crisis of 2008-2009", Lev

Savulkin "Possibilities and Limitations of Innovative Products Creation in the Regions", Daria Tabachnikova and Leonid Limonov "The Role of Creative Industries in the Conservation and Management of Cultural Heritage and Sustainable Development of Territories."  
<http://conf.hse.ru/en/2011/>

On April 14, 2011 Nina Oding, Head of Research Department, made a speech «**Institutes, Innovations and Problems of Russian Companies in Big City**» in front of post-graduates and lecturers of Saint-Petersburg State University of Engineering and Economics (ENGECON).

On April 19, 2011 in Leontief Centre a seminar-dispute on the creation of **the Center for Entrepreneurship in the Creative Industries**, based on Higher School of Economics - National Research University (St. Petersburg), was held. Seminar Organizers: Higher School of Economics - National Research University (St. Petersburg), Leontief Centre, Aalto University, Institute for Cultural Programs. The seminar was attended by Russian and foreign representatives of universities, institutional innovation researchers to support entrepreneurship in the sphere of culture, practices, working on the programmes of creative industries development.

On April 26, 2011 at the Saint-Petersburg branch of the National Research University Higher School of Economics debates on theme «**Is There Demand-pull Inflation or Costs Inflation in Russia?**», were held. Oksana Dmitrieva, Deputy of the State Duma of the Russian Federation, acted as the keynote speaker. Leonid Limonov, Discussants: Leonid Limonov, Director-Coordinator of Research Programmes; Andrey Zaostrovstev, Senior Researcher of Leontief Centre. Debates, which were held in the form of academic talk show, were attended by students of Higher School of Economics magistracy, postgraduates and students from other universities of St. Petersburg.

On May 11-12, 2011 Leonid Limonov, Director-Coordinator of Research Programmes and Elena Belova, Head of Development Department participated in **TransBaltic Conference 2011**, held in Sheleftio (Skelleftea), Sweden, on the Project "Trans-Baltic EU: A Model Region for Green Transport Solutions".

<http://www.transbaltic.eu/about/transbaltic-conference-2011/presentations-pictures/>

On May 13-14, 2011 Nina Oding, Head of Research Department, took part in **international conference Russia and European Union: Agenda – 2011** (Kaliningrad City, Russia), which was organized by Immanuel Kant State University of Russia and was held in the framework of University Day celebration, and made a report on theme Practice of Regional Cooperation: possibilities and limitations. Specialists from Kaliningrad and other cities of Russia, and also foreign guests from Poland, Latvia and Germany participated in the conference.

[www.kantiana.ru/eu4u](http://www.kantiana.ru/eu4u)

On June 9, 2011 Leonid Limonov, Director-coordinator of Research Programmes of Leontief Centre, participated in the international seminar **The Forum for the Exchange of Information and Experiences on Issues of Urbanization** (Urbanization Knowledge Platform) (Moscow), where he made a report on Land Markets and the Development of Russian Cities, and also was moderator of Session 2: Economic Geography and Spatial Development. Organizers: World Bank, Ministry for

Regional Development of the Russian Federation, Center for Strategic Research.

On June 21, 2011 Boris Zhikharevich, Head of Territorial Strategic Planning Department of Leontief Centre, made a speech on Cooperative Capital of Territory on the **I All-Russian Symposium on Regional Economy**, which was held in Yekaterinburg.

More details on the site [www.uiec.ru](http://www.uiec.ru)

On May 26-27, 2011 Nina Oding, Head of Research Department of Leontief Centre, took part in the section **«Macro-economic environment and investment ideas. Expert opinion»** of the Conference II Investfunds Forum - Institutional Investors Conference, organized by information portal and informational portal Investfunds.ru and Cbonds-Congress company in St. Petersburg.

<http://cbonds-congress.com/events/71/>

On June 24, 2011 Leonid Limonov, Director-coordinator of Research Programmes of Leontief Centre and Artur Batchaev, Researcher of Strategic Territorial Planning Department, participated in a **discussion on the topic Leningrad Region: Together or Apart. Will the Example of Moscow Place Point in this Dispute?**, which was organized by the Information Agency Rosbalt and made presentations on research topics of Leontief Centre.

## PARTNERS AND NETWORKS

Leontief Centre has become a partner of the **III Youth Economic Forum Competitiveness of Russian Economy** (April 7-8, 2011, Petrozavodsk).

On April 4, 2011 Boris Zhikharevich participated in two meetings of the Expert Group № 12 **Real Federalism, Local Government, and Cross-Budgetary Policy** - one of the groups established to update the **Strategy 2020**. Joint meeting of the Expert Group number 12 and the European Club of Local Government Experts was held in the Federation Council. The central point of discussion was the discussion on the role of local government in the development of real federalism. On the same day at the Gaidar Institute for Economic Policy regular meeting of the expert group was held, within which problems and

prospects of the spatial development of Russia were discussed.

On April 22, 2011 meeting of **National Guild of City Architects** Council took place. Irina Karelina, Member of the Council, was represented by Boris Zhikharevich. Meeting was chaired by Vladimir Schitinsky, Chairman of the Council. The report about plans on 2011 by Maxim Petrovich, President of the Guild, was discussed. Plan also includes the participation of Guild in Forum Strategic Planning in Regions and Cities of Russia (St. Petersburg, October 17-18, 2011), a leading organizer of which is Leontief Centre.

In April, the Presidium of the Siberian Branch of RAS B. Zhikharevich approved as part of the editorial board of the All-Russian Scientific Journal **Region: Economics and Sociology**.

On April 5, 2011 with the purpose of expansion and deepening friendly relations and the establishment of interconnections in scientific and educational activities the cooperation agreement between the **Leontief Centre and the Buryat State University** has been set up.

On May 16, 2011 in the Ministry for Regional Development of the Russian Federation a meeting of the **X All-Russian Forum Strategic Planning in Cities and Regions of Russia Organizing Committee**, which will be held on October 17-18, 2011, was held. On the same day in the building of ITAR-TASS news agency press conference was held. Galina Izotova, Head of the Contest Committee, First Deputy Chairman of the State Duma Committee on Federation Affairs and Regional Policy announced the start of All-Russia **annual competition of regional strategies and programmes for socio-economic development Strategic Initiatives in the Management of Regional Development** on June 1, 2011, which will be held in the framework of the jubilee X All-Russia Forum Strategic Planning in Regions and Cities of Russia: Resources for Development.

On May 21, 2011 **Executive Committee of European Society for the History of Economic Thought (ESHET)** decided to hold the next conference of the Society in 2012 in St. Petersburg, Russia. Irina Karelina, Director General of the Leontief Center represented information about the future conference on behalf of the co-organizers of the conference in 2012 (Leontief Center, St. Petersburg State University, St. Petersburg State University of Economics and Finance) at the conference ESHET, which was held on May 19-21, 2011 in Istanbul.

On May 22 – 31, 2011 Nikolay Zhunda, Senior Researcher of Leontief Centre, took part in the working visit to Uzbekistan in the framework of cooperation agreement with the **Institute of Forecasting and Macroeconomic Research under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan (IAMR)**.

During his visit to Tashkent, a series of consultations for IAMR specialists involved in this project to develop a strategy for socio-economic development for the Andijan Region, as well as a two-day training

seminar aimed at improving the skills of strategic planning, were held. On May 30, 2011 in Andijan a round table was held, on which representatives of local authorities, summed up the first phase of the Strategy.

On June 3, 2011 in Saint-Petersburg (Smolny) press conference, devoted to **X jubilee All-Russian Forum Strategic Planning in Regions and Cities of Russia: Resources for Development** (October 17-18, 2011, Saint-Petersburg, Russia), and **All-Russia annual competition of regional strategies and programmes for socio-economic development** Strategic Initiatives in the Management of Regional Development will be held.

Conference participants: Mikhail Oseevskiy, Vice Governor of St. Petersburg, Head of St. Petersburg Governor's Administration; Galina Izotova, First Deputy Chairman of the State Duma of the Russian Federation on Federation Affairs and Regional Policy; Irina Karelina, Director General of ICSE Leontief Centre.

On June 7-8, 2011 in Schwerin (Germany) Irina Karelina, Director General of Leontief Center, Member of the Monitoring Committee participated in the meeting of **Monitoring Committee of the Baltic Sea Region Programme 2007-1013**. Approaches to selection of project applications for 4 round of application submission were considered. From 17 submitted applications (on priorities 2 and 3), 8 of them were project applications were approved, 4 of them – with Russian participation. For more information go to <http://eu.baltic.net>

On June 27-28, 2011 in Riga (Latvia), the regular meeting of the **Committee on Urban Planning and Development in the Baltic Sea Region of VASAB Programme** took place. The meeting was attended by Irina Karelina, Member of the VASAB Committee, Director General of Leontief Centre.

More information on the website of the VASAB Committee: [www.vasab.org](http://www.vasab.org)

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

On May 6, 2011 in Moscow, Sergey Vasilyev, Chairman of the Public Committee for the award under Leontief Centre, presented German Gref, Laureat of 2009, President and Chairman of the Board of Sberbank of Russia, with **International Leontief Medal for Contribution to Economic Reforms**. German Gref was awarded for his achievements in developing of ways of reforming the Russian economy. The meeting was held in the building of Sberbank of Russia, where Irina Karelina, Director General of Leontief Centre, participated. Date of winner performance with his lecture is coordinated. For more information go to <http://www.wleontief.ru/>

On May 12, 2011 in University of Glasgow Sergey Vasiliev, Chairman of Academic Board of the International Centre for Social and Economic Research Leontief Centre presented the **International Leontief Medal For Contribution to Economic Reforms** to Dr. Ljubo Sirc, Laureate 2010, Founder of the Centre for Research into Communist Economies (CRCE) in London. He was awarded for outstanding achievements in sphere of research of socialist economies. For more information go to <http://www.wleontief.ru/>

On May 13, 2011 in Saint-Petersburg (House of Scientists) **Sixth Award Ceremony of Professor Boris Ovsievich for fundamental economic and mathematical studies, made in Russia**, as a result of competition of 2010 was held. Award Ceremony was established under St. Petersburg Institute for Economics and Mathematics of Russian Academy of Sciences, for education and science support and is awarded for fundamental economic and mathematic research. Alfred Koch, Ph.D., pupil of Boris Ovsievich has become the initiator of the Award Ceremony and philanthropist.

### Laureates 2010:

#### II award

*Sergey Ivashenko* — for the development of a model of general economic equilibrium for inflation processes analysis (VBM-group)

#### III award

*Mikhail Sokolov* — for investigating the problem of units selecting in the economic and mathematical models (St. Petersburg Institute for Economics and Mathematics of Russian Academy of Sciences)

*Vladimir Soloviev* — for the development of complex economic and mathematical models for software market (Institute for the Humanities and IT)

#### Encouraging award

*Anna Ignatenko* — for econometric analysis of exchange rate and monetary policy of the Bank of Russia from 1999 to 2009

*Yulia Karaeva* — for the modelling of the regional energy sector development taking into account innovative technological solutions (Research Centre for Energy Problems of Russian Academy of Sciences of Kazan Science Centre)

*Anna Rettieva* — for the development of game-theoretic models of ponds biological resources management (Establishment of the Russian Academy of Sciences Institute of Applied Mathematical Research of Karelian Research Centre of the Russian Academy of Science).

## WEB SITES

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

- ICSEER Leontief Centre (<http://www.leontief.ru>)
- Wassily Leontief ([www.wassily.leontief.net](http://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](http://www.forumstrategov.ru))
- Programme The Russian-Nordic Exchange Programme for Local Civil Servants [www.mp.leontief-centre.ru](http://www.mp.leontief-centre.ru)
- Programme The Emerging Innovation in Northern Europe [www.ip.leontief-centre.ru](http://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 <http://www.ns.leontief-centre.ru/>

On the official website of the Forum Strategic Planning in Regions and Cities of Russia ([www.forumstrategov.ru](http://www.forumstrategov.ru)), a new module "**On-line consultant**" with the help of which Forum participants can have the on-line consultation on matters of interest with the call-centre.

On April 25, 2011 started the Internet portal of business centre **Partnerstvo** has started its work <http://www.bc-partnerstvo.ru>. Location: 7<sup>th</sup> Krasnoarmeyskaya str., 25, Saint-Petersburg.

## PUBLICATIONS



### **An information bulletin The Socio-Economic Situation in Saint-Petersburg, № 110, (March-April 2011).**

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/>



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