



## **NEWSLETTER № 3 (25)**

**July - September 2011**

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>

**On February 17-18, 2012** in St Petersburg the **XI Annual Conference from the Cycle Leontief Readings** will be held. Conference theme: Economic Freedom and State: Friends or Enemies?

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

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

### **RESEARCH & PROJECTS**

#### **Elaborating and the Description of Project Nordic-Russian Green Growth Arena with participation of Russian and Northern Partners"**

The project is realized in the framework of of the Nordic Council of Ministers' Programme Knowledge Building and Networking Programme for cooperation with North-West Russia.

#### **Public Private Partnership in the Social Sector – Spreading the Lessons of the UK's and St Petersburg's Experience**

Main Project Partners: British Consulate-General (St Petersburg), ICSEER Leontief Centre. Project Goal - Improve capacity of regional authorities to implement PPP projects. During project realization following actions will be prepared:

- carrying out of gathering and data analysis of the experience of PPP projects realization in St Petersburg and Great Britain;

- PPP seminar preparation with participation of the British and Russian experts, representatives of regions and municipal unions;
- training trip to Great Britain preparation with participation of Russian regions representatives.

Details: [www.ppp.leontief.ru](http://www.ppp.leontief.ru)

#### **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.

Work under the project is finished in August, 2011.

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. Work under the project is finished in September, 2011

## LEONTIEF CENTRE ENDOWMENT

Research Effort 2011. **Features and Factors of Spatial Development of St Petersburg Agglomeration during the Post-Soviet Period.** In research is carrying out the analysis and estimation of institutional factors of spatial development of agglomerations. Object of research is the St Petersburg agglomeration. On September 22, 2011 the working discussion of final report preparation was held.

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

July-August Leontief Centre experts have spent expert poll. On the basis of collected empirical material analysis the report was prepared. Details: <http://www.leontief-centre.ru/content118>

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

In September the Leontief Centre Interfaculty Base Department in the St Petersburg Branch of National Research University "Higher School of Economics" was opened. In 2011-2012 students of management and economy faculties will be directed on Base Department for practical training and preparation of yearly essay and final qualifying works.

### **Regional and Urban Economy Department**

In September Regional and Urban Economy Department was opened in the framework of Bachelor and Master Programmes on Economy speciality.

On September 28, 2011 in the framework of research seminar in Leontief Centre, Leonid Limonov made introduction lecture on modern issues of spatial economy for students of Master Programme "Economy".

### **Laboratory of Urban Researches**

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

In September the structure of the students working in laboratory as trainees-researchers (total number of the involved students – 7 persons) was updated, and also 2 new research assistants was accepted.

On September 27, 2011 took place a scientific conference of NRU School of Economics of St. Petersburg "**Innovation Economy: Realities and Prospects**". Leonid Limonov was an arranger and a leader of the section "Spatial Economics and Regional Innovation Policy". The conference was attended and gave presentations by the staff of Laboratory: Artur Batchaev, Tatyana Vlasova, Leonid Limonov. The collection of reports will be published as a result of the conference.

Detailed information: [www.lui.hse.spb.ru](http://www.lui.hse.spb.ru)

## **CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS**

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

On September 6, 2011 Nina Oding, head of the research department of the Leontief Centre, introduced a report **«The problems of innovation activity of Russian companies in major cities»**.

The questions were asked and different comments were made by E. Ilyin, M. Berezin, V. Berman, D. Kolesov, L. Limonov, A. Zaostrovtssev, L. Savulkin.

On July 12, 2011 section Interdisciplinary Seminar (<http://www.leontief-centre.ru/content34>) has filled with Sergei Vasiliev lecture about **Emperor Pedro I and the Formation of the Brazilian State**, which was read at a of the seminar meeting on April 18, 2011.

On July 19, 2011 **seminar-meeting of professor Jacques François Thisse** with the Leontief Centre staff took place.

At the meeting the Leontief Centre works in the sphere of spatial economics, research projects of Mr. Thisse and opportunities for cooperation were discussed.

Comments and suggestions were made by Irina Karelina, Elena Belova, Boris Zhikharevich, Denis Kadochnikov, Sergey Kokovkin, Vladimir Matveenkov, Denis Shevchuk, Artur Batchaev.

Professor Thisse is Belgian economist, professor of the Center for Operations Research and Econometrics, CORE <http://www.uclouvain.be/en-core.html>.

6-9 September, 2011: The Leontief Centre's analyst M. Nesena took part **in the Baikal International Tourism Forum** which was held in the Republic of Buryatia, Ulan-Ude. She introduced her report "Creating a major tourist areas: how to combine the efforts of the regions?" in the section "Cross-border cooperation in tourism." The report is published in the collection of scientific and practical conference "Sustainable tourism development and economic modernization of

Russia" held in terms of the Baikal International Tourism Forum.

In September 2011 the Leontief Center celebrated its 20th anniversary. Due to this event **the jubilee conference "20 years: results and perspectives"** was held on the 10th September at St. Michael's (Engineers' Castle). It was dedicated to the 20th anniversary from the beginning of the economic reforms and prospects for further development of Russia.

The conference was attended by well-known economists and politicians (over 170 people). Among them were the representatives of federal and regional authorities, representatives of St. Petersburg's and Moscow's public and scientific organizations, foreign guests and journalists. Conference was organized by financial support of Sberbank of Russia. Details: <http://www.leontief-centre.ru/conference128>

On the 15-16 September 2011 in Katowice (Poland) the CEO of the Leontief Centre I. Karelina participated in joint **conference on transnational cooperation of the European Union** (13 programs) and made a report «BALTIC SEA TRANSNATIONAL COOPERATION: RU PERSPECTIVE».

More information on the conference website: [www.transnational-cooperation.eu](http://www.transnational-cooperation.eu)

September 27, 2011 took place a scientific conference of NRU School of Economics of St. Petersburg **"Innovation Economy: Realities and Prospects."** The conference was attended and gave presentations by the

staff of Leontief Center: Head of Research Department N.Oding (report: "Opportunities and limitations of the innovation economy in Russia today"), A.Zaostrovtshev (Report: Russia: institutional failure"), D.Kadochnikov (report: Integration of the methodology of the new institutional economics applied to institutional analysis), A.Batchayev (report: The impact of innovation on the results of economic development (for example, the largest U.S. metropolitan areas), T.Vlasova (report: Social capital as a factor of the development of spatial agglomerations) E.Kolchinskaya (report: An approach to the identification of potential branches for the development in the region in terms of coefficients of localization (for example, the manufacturing sector of Saint-Petersburg), O.Rusetskaya (report: Dynamics of regional differences in quality of life in North-West Russia), L.Limonov (report: Land ownership and management of development as factors of spatial development of the territory), L.Savulkin (report: Features of innovation in Russian). B.Zhikharevich and Y.Ryabkova presented the report "Opportunities of empirical test of the performance of different technologies of territorial strategic planning", included in the program, but could not to speak at the conference (due to business trip). L.Limonov was an arranger and a leader of the section "Spatial Economics and Regional Innovation Policy". The collection of reports will be published as a result of the conference.

## PARTNERS AND NETWORKS

On September 27-28, 2011 in Berlin (Germany) member of the Monitoring Committee, director of Leontief Centre I. Karelina attended a meeting of the Monitoring Committee of the Baltic Sea Region Programme 2007-2013. The meeting discussed the project proposals of fourth round of project applications for the Baltic Sea Region Programme 2007-2013 (Priority 1 and Priority 4). More information at: [www.eu.baltic.net](http://www.eu.baltic.net)

On September 29, 2011 in Smolny Irina Karelina, Director General of Leontief Centre participated in the ceremonial meeting devoted to the 15 anniversary of **Finnish Advisers Group at the St Petersburg Government**. Leontief Centre is the constant partner of Group and takes part in its work from the moment of creation.

## AWARDS

For the contribution to social and economic development of St Petersburg and in connection with the 20 anniversary of

Leontief Centre, the Diploma of the third degree of the Governor was awarded.

For long-term conscientious work, the big contribution to social and economic development of St Petersburg and in connection with the 20 anniversary of the Leontief Centre by Diploma of the Governor have was awarded: Irina Karelina, Director General, Leonid Limonov, Director-Coordinator of Research Programmes, Igor Ulyanov, Director for Administration and Financing. Appreciations of the Governor are declared by Elena Belova, Secretary General,

Boris Zhikharevich, Head of Territorial Strategic Department, Nina Oding, Head of Research Department.

For the considerable contribution to social and economic development of St Petersburg and in connection with the 20 anniversary, Leontief Centre was awarded by the Diploma of Committee for Economic Development, Industrial Policy and Trade.

## 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/>
- Internet portal of business centre Partnerstvo has started its work <http://www.bc-partnerstvo.ru>.

## PUBLICATIONS

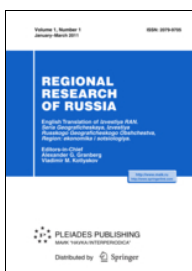


### **An information bulletin The Socio-Economic Situation in Saint-Petersburg, № 111 (May-June), №112 (July-August) 2011.**

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/>



The article by Artur Batchaev, Senior Researcher of Leontief Centre, on theme "Impact of Financial Crisis in 2008 on the Processes of Saint-Petersburg Metropolitan Area Space Transformation" was published in **the Magazine Regional Research of Russia (N2, 2011)**.

<http://www.springer.com/economics/regional+science/journal/13393>



### **"St Petersburg. 2010-2011". Annual Report of Committee for Finance of St Petersburg**

The report contains of statistic, information and analytical materials concerning city economy, actions of St. Petersburg Administration, report about budget performance, characteristics of cooperation between St. Petersburg budget and federal budget etc. The annual report was prepared on the base of information provided by the Committee on Finances, Goskomstat as well as other official resources.

Full version id published on the official web site of Committee for Finance: [www.fincom.spb.ru](http://www.fincom.spb.ru)



**Economic Thought: Diversity of Concepts and Scopes** / under editorship of Andrey Zaostrovtssev. - International Centre for Socio-Economic Research Leontief Centre. - St. Petersburg: IC SER Leontief Centre, 2011. - 270.

Collection of articles is based on reports of X annual conference Economic Thought: Diversity of Concepts and Scopes from Leontief Readings held on February 18-19 in St. Petersburg, with the participation of famous Russian and foreign economists, political scientists, lawyers. The programme of scientific conference included a work of the three sections: Economic Analysis and Economic Theory, Institutions: Theory and Practice, The Austrian of Economic School: Alternative Vision of World. Speakers presented different schools of economic thought and different points of view on these themes.

Publication may be useful to researchers, teachers of social and economic disciplines, graduate students studying social sciences and practicing lawyers, journalists and others who are interested in modern economic thought.



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