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Problems of Agrarian and Demographic Development of Russia**

From the Editors

Presented issue of the journal consists of two thematic blocks, devoted to the actual problems of agrarian and socio-demographic history of Russia. Pool of authors is represented by both leading scholars and novice researchers. Geography of the group of authors is wide.

Thematic block “Agrarian transformations in the twentieth century: practitioners, actors, researchers” includes articles which provide reconstruction of trends, stages, results, general patterns and regional specifics of agrarian transformations during the Soviet period of national history. Special attention is paid to analysis of historiography of agrarian component of Russian Revolution, economic, social and mental prerequisites for transition of the Soviet state to the policy of radical modernization of agriculture in the late 1920s; behavioral strategies and tactics of rural society in conditions of radical reforms carried out by the authorities, agrarian transformations during the “Thaw” period.

Relevance of scientific studies published in the second thematic block “Socio-demographic processes in the Soviet and post-Soviet periods” is largely determined by the current demographic and epidemiological situation in the country and their social resonance.

Today, historical demography is going through a difficult and eventful stage of development. On the one hand, this is a deepening into digital humanities, on the other, a significant expansion of the topic based on traditional research methods. Main directions of modern socio-demographic research are presented on the pages of the journal. Topics of the articles are varied: migration and resettlement, child and infant mortality, diseases. Much attention is paid to the population of cities. Modern demographic potential also became the object of analysis.

We hope that the materials in this issue will be in demand by specialists and useful to a wide range of lovers of Russian history.

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