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The Theme of the Issue:

**RUSSIAN ECONOMIC REFORMS
IN REGIONAL DIMENSION**

FROM THE EDITORS

Presented issue of the journal is devoted to analysis of regional experience in implementation of Russian economic reforms during the second half of the 19th – early 21st centuries. The task was to investigate pre-Soviet, Soviet and post-Soviet stages of economic reforms, as well as to trace general and specific influence of spatial factor on the plans, implementation and results of reforms in agrarian and demographic spheres. Circle of authors is represented by both leading scientists and novice researchers. Geography of the group of authors is quite wide.

First thematic section of the issue “Reforms and development of economies” combines articles devoted to the study of legislation impact on industrial entrepreneurship, functioning of the national economic complex, and analysis of reforms impact on social sphere. Analysis of development and implementation of reforms in 1960s and 1990s is important for historiography in the context of reformatting existing economic models.

Section “Agrarian transformations in the 20th century” includes articles that analyze general patterns and regional specifics of agrarian transformations and their impact on the dynamics of agricultural production in our country in 1920s – first half of the 1940s. Attention is paid to scientific understanding of implementation features of new economic policy in agrarian sector: problem of NEP potential is considered on the base of analysis “Facing the Village” policy; also were reconstructed organization of agricultural censuses in the 1920s. and methods of processing their materials; was shown process of impoverishment of countryside under the NEP. An important place is occupied by analysis of organizational and production mechanisms for agricultural modernization in 1930s: machine and tractor stations and state farms. Another topic – reconstruction of Stalinist agrarian system functioning during the Great Patriotic War.

Economic transformations have a resonant impact on all spheres of society, including demographic processes. In Siberia, taking into account the low density and high migration activity of population, reaction to the reforms has a number of features. Articles presented in thematic section “Demographic development in the context of economic reforms” allow reader to get acquainted with various aspects of Siberian demographic dynamics throughout the 20th century. As a subject of research, authors choose actual and little-studied issues of population movement. Presented materials show that, depending on specific conditions, economic policy can play both a decisive role in changing the reproduction of the population and activity of the migration movement, and vice versa, turn out to be in the second or third plan, yielding to the logic of demographic transition. At the same time, both factors during the twentieth century led to reduction in the population, not only due to decrease in birth rate, but also due to persistence of a high mortality rate.

Traditional section “Open Archives” is represented by publication of memorandum of Altai Regional Agro-Industrial Committee veterinary department “On the veterinary report on Gorno-Altai Autonomous Region for 1986”. Its content is important for understanding the development of agricultural sector in the first half of the 1980s.



The “Miscellanea” section contains an article, describing the process of assimilation by Russian medieval literature of the idea of Moscow as the Third Rome, translation and reactualization of this doctrine. This publication is the second part of a study published in our Journal 2021, issue 6.

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

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