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The Theme of the Issue:

**RUSSIAN ECONOMIC REFORMS IN THE 20TH CENTURY:
PROJECTS, IMPLEMENTATION, SOCIAL
AND DEMOGRAPHIC CONSEQUENCES**

FROM THE EDITORS

This issue of the journal is devoted to analyzing the experience of economic reforms in Russia in the 20th and early 21st centuries. The aim was to study the Soviet and post-Soviet stages of economic reforms, as well as to trace the general and specific influence of the spatial factor on the design, implementation and results of reforms in agrarian and demographic spheres.

The first thematic block of the issue “Reforms and Economic Development” includes articles devoted to the study of the Russian economy in the period of market reforms. The subject of analysis is the formation of commodity exchanges in the conditions of market reforms; the development of geothermal energy in the Kurils in 1990–2000s; the activities of Chinese enterprises in the processing of timber in the east of the country.

The section “Agrarian Development” includes works that examine trends, stages, results, general regularities and regional specifics of the agrarian development of the USSR in the Soviet period. Special attention is paid to the scientific understanding of the peasantry’s participation in the Civil War. An important place is taken by the coverage of the problems of socialist reconstruction of agriculture: the results of industrial development in the early 1930s are summarized, the role of political departments in state farm construction is defined. The functioning of the agrarian system of Stalinist socialism during the Great Patriotic War is shown. Analytical presentation of modern Kazakhstani historiography of virgin lands development is carried out.

Collaboration of the Agrarian and Demographic Research Sector of the Institute of History (SB RAS) and Institute of Demography (RAS) allowed to significantly expand the geography of authors and the thematic horizon of articles in this issue. Several participants of the I All-Russian Scientific and Practical Conference “Historical Demography and Historical Geography: Issues of Fundamental and Current Research” held on May 26–27, 2023 in Moscow at the Institute of Demographic Research (FNISC RAS) prepared manuscripts based on their reports. The main focus of this group of texts is on the study of migrations, which determined their unification into the thematic block “Migrations”. The articles consider various aspects of the topic, from the peculiarities of the evolution of the imperial policy of settling new territories to the regional specifics of the population’s migration strategies. An important aspect of the block is the analysis of the historiography of Soviet migrations in the postwar period.

The second group of articles is united in the section “Demography”, which reflects the traditional for the issue direction of research of population dynamics. The works cover the entire 20th century and present the disclosure of general demographic processes on the material of Siberian loci.

Close cooperation with specialists in the field of economic and agrarian history allows us to conclude once again that the development of the economy and agrarian sphere has a significant impact on demographic processes regardless of time and space and its main



expression is found in the dynamics and directions of migration, as well as in the aspects of population reproduction.

The traditional rubric “Open Archives” consists of two materials. One of them shows the situation in the Khakass Autonomous Oblast on the eve and in the first months of the Great Patriotic War on the basis of the protocols of the executive committee of the regional council of workers’ deputies. The second one introduces the analytical note of the regional statistics department of the Kemerovo region “On the progress of the Food Program of the Kemerovo region”, prepared in the beginning of 1989. Its content is important for understanding the peculiarities of agricultural development of the region and the country as a whole in the second half of the 1980s.

The section “Miscellanea” is represented by the article “The Russian Empire after the World War: an unfulfilled forecast?”, which is controversial in its working hypothesis and therefore deserves attention

The issue is rounded off by two reports on scientific conferences.

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