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The Theme of the Issue:

RESETTLEMENT SOCIETY
IN TIME AND SPACE

FROM THE EDITOR

The authors of this issue include both established scholars and young postgraduate students just beginning their journey in science. The key themes of this journal issue are resettlement policy and migrant adaptation. The focus of the discussion is the phenomenon of migrant communities, which the authors interpret in relation to different migrant groups. This conversation began at the “7th Grishaev Readings” international conference held in November 2024 and is continued by this very journal issue, which brings together articles based on the presentations delivered at the conference.

The articles are grouped into three interconnected thematic blocks: “Resettlement Policy and Adaptation of Migrants”, “Forced Resettlement and Displacement”, “Demographic Processes” and “World of the Book”. The majority of the articles are devoted to the resettlement policy of the Russian state, primarily during the Imperial and Soviet periods. A significant number of authors address the issue of coerced migrations in the USSR. Their research demonstrates that the Soviet system of repressive resettlements essentially recreated the system of political exile, leading to the formation of a special category of population discriminated against based on restricted movement. Considerable attention is also paid to the analysis of the mechanisms and practices of organizing resettlement from flood zones during the construction of hydroelectric power stations. The authors conclude that resettlement from flood zones became an element of state policy: a tool for modernizing the countryside and reconstructing the settlement system. Migration dynamics in the context of studying modernization and urbanization are also covered, in terms of analyzing demographic processes, the transformation of settlement patterns, and the retrospective analysis and forecasting of consequences.

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