

SUMMARY

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THE PROBLEM OF RUSSIA'S SOCIO-ECONOMIC

MODERNIZATION AND THE "PATH DEPENDENCE" EFFECT

The article considers the problem of influence of the previous development trajectory, or the "path dependence" effect, on the existing institutional structure of Russia and the possibility of socio-economic modernization. The author claims that the said effect should be taken into account in regard to the concept of inclusive and extractive institutions. The factors of rent-oriented behavior and autocratic power are considered as clear manifestations of the "path dependence" effect hampering modernization. Several options for the implementation of socio-economic modernization in Russia are proposed considering the specifics of its institutional structure.

Keywords: "path dependence" effect, mobilization development, conservative modernization, inclusive institutions, rent-oriented behavior, autocracy, centralized power, patent law.

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IS VALUE AN EXCESSIVE OR A NECESSARY CATEGORY IN ECONOMICS?

The author assumes that modern economy as such is a nonlinear complex system with a deep division of labor. He maintains that a return to the value approach in economics is quite relevant, as long as fully meeting the needs of human society as an integral whole at lowest cost is considered the goal of any economy.

Keywords: information, measure, principle, value, economics.

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MODERN CONCEPTS OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND INSTITUTIONAL RISKS

The article deals with conceptual issues related to the formation and development of an institutional environment for improving the quality of public administration, and with the optimization of emerging institutional risks caused primarily by the introduction of digital technologies. The complex of theoretical and methodological problems associated with the transformation of public administration institutions in the context of the coming economic and social changes is studied.

Keywords: public administration, "playmaker state", indicators of public administration quality, institutional risks, digital economy.

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MODERNIZATION OF THE TAXATION SYSTEM OF THE REPUBLIC OF USBEKISTAN

The article considers the main aspects of tax reform in the Republic of Uzbekistan. An assessment of the improvement measures aimed at complying with the criteria

of scientific theories of taxation is carried out. A number of recommendations are given to improve the classification of taxes and mandatory payments, as well as existing tax instruments.

Keywords: taxation theory, tax burden, tax system, tax reform, tax policy concept.

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ON FORECASTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE RURAL AREAS AND OF THE AIC INFRASTRUCTURE

The article considers the main factors that are crucial for predicting the development of the rural areas and of the agro-industrial complex infrastructure.

The measures taken by the federal government on these issues are scrutinized, proceeding from the need to use non-financial methods of state support for small rural businesses and based on the strategic vision of intersectoral interaction.

Keywords: AIC (agro-industrial complex), small rural business, rural territories, state support, strategic vision, intersectoral interaction.

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ON PUBLIC REQUEST FOR REFORMING THE POSTGRADUATE STUDIES SYSTEM IN THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

The author offers a model of reforming the system of postgraduate studies in the Russian Federation. The Higher Attestation Commission should become an autonomous body of state administration under the federal authority and carry out

administrative functions in the field of scientific and pedagogical personnel certification.

Its tasks shall include refining the criteria for the assessment of scientific activity and the requirements for the quality of dissertation research. The concept of education development in the Russian Federation, including the program of highly qualified personnel training has to be worked out to become the basis for the new approach.

Keywords: postgraduate studies, the Higher Attestation Commission, state administrative body, dissertation, reforming, estimation criteria, scientific degree.

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THE EURO AFTER BREXIT AND COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The issue is time-relevant due to the new aspects of monetary and financial integration in Europe emerging as a result of the Brexit and the COVID-19 pandemic. Both the former and the latter are likely to radically change the mechanism of the monetary union, but both lack public attention in terms of studying the exogenous factors' impact on the monetary and financial integration in the euro zone. There is also a need to look deeper into the least studied field of regional economic integration, namely the lack of the unified central bank's capability to regulate the continental monetary system and to solve the debt problems of the member states on the financial markets in times of turbulence. The unconditional dependence on the exogenous circumstances is to be investigated as well.

Keywords: payment and settlement operations, monetary and financial integration, European monetary fund, euro area crisis, debts of crisis-hit countries, banking and fiscal unions, exclusive federalism, superstate, COVID-19.