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THE SYSTEMIC RISKS OF THE RUSSIAN SOCIETY

The historical futility of the existing social system and the problem of changing the economic model, the position of the ruling elite, focused on «stability». Notes the core of the Russian society – the conflict of interests of the elite and society. The author notes the need for incentives for different social groups and especially by the elite to action for the improvement of society.

**Key words:** social system, economic model, the ruling elite, conflict of interest, the improvement of society.

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Highlights the main measures for the restructuring of national banking systems in foreign countries, estimated domestic experience in the USSR in the late 80-ies of XX century, in Russia after the crisis of 1998 and 2008 and currently (2014–2015) given the ongoing banking and economic crisis.

**Key words:** restructuring of the banking system, the crisis of 2014–2015, the banking crisis.

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ABOUT THE METHODOLOGY OF ASSESSING THE FINANCIAL POTENTIAL OF INNOVATIVE DEVELOPMENT (ON THE EXAMPLE OF THE LEADING COMPANIES IN THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY)

The article is devoted to methodological aspects of assessment of financial potential of innovative development (on the example of the leading companies in the oil and gas industry). On the basis of correlation analysis of the identified criteria that have a close connection with innovative development. The results of ranking activities are determined here and the weighting factors on the basis of the rules Fishburnes are appropriated to them. The integrated estimation of financial potential of innovative development of companies are proposed.

**Key words:** financial potential, innovation development, assessment, integral assessment.
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AN ESSAY ON GEOGRAPHY OF PRICES

Social imperatives should not dictate the distribution of prices along any territory. The compensation of the suffered people must not touch the prices. As a contrast to «mean» prices in any locality the author pays attention to the so-called portion prices.

Key words: different space value of goods, difference of sources of supply, «mean» prices, portion (increment) prices, marginalism, price formation.

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REGIONAL PROTECTIONISM IN RETAIL TRADE

The paper is focused on the problem of choice between two retail trade models in a region. The first one is the supremacy of small and middle businesses that create extra expenses for consumers due to business’ vulnerability to criminal organizations and other cumulated commissions of a number of resellers. The second model is the dominance of retailers who are unavoidably exposed by the illegal pressure of regional government in order to force them to distribute products of local production. It is presented the mechanism for regional strategy on enlargement of traders for maintaining local manufactures.

Key words: regional protectionism, retail trade, retailers.

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RUSSIAN CHARITY FOUNDATIONS

The concept «charity», activities of charity foundations, their role of formation of civil society in our country are considered.

Key words: Charity foundations, society, responsibility, the social activity, the help, the needing.

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POVERTY AND INEQUALITIES IN BRICS: NOTES ON RUSSIA

Drawing on the broad statistical data, we document that both poverty and inequality in BRICS are based on varying fundamentals. Different definitions of poverty applied in the paper has resulted in defining four types of poverty, such as pre-industrial poverty of the modernized societies (India and South Africa), early industrial poverty of urban lumpens (Brazil), industrial poverty (China and Russia), post-industrial poverty (Russia). It has been proven that model of poverty in Russia is exceptionally heterogeneous as it contains the features of all the models; though it is closer to the industrial poverty. In contrast to this, a model of a pattern of inequality in Russia does match none of the models of inequality listed in the paper.
Summary

To tackle the “Russian-way” poverty authors highlight the importance of investment and employment policy.

Key words: poverty, models of poverty, inequality, BRICS countries, industrialization, deprivation, social exclusion

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