The focus

The Russian Division of the Regional Studies Association (in partnership with the Leontief Centre and Russian Geographical Society), presents its inaugural conference in association with the XV All Russian Forum “Strategic Planning in the Regions and Cities of Russia” (www.forumstrategov.ru). This conference brings together both international and Russian researchers working in multiple disciplines in the fields of regional and urban studies. Conference attendees will be able to participate in plenary events of the highly prestigious XV All Russian Forum (to become better informed about strategic planning debates in Russia) and contribute to these discussions through their presentations at the conference sessions. The conference will also be open to all Forum participants.

Territorial strategic planning is starting to play an important role in the system of goal setting, planning and allocation of resources at national and especially subnational and local levels in Russia. In 2014, the Federal Law 172 “On Strategic Planning in the Russian Federation” was adopted. This made strategic plans, forecasts, action-plans for implementation of strategies, state targeted programs and monitoring of strategies implementation obligatory to be implemented. Before this, the elaboration and adoption of strategic plans or social and economic development strategies were optional, and regions of Russia (subjects of the Russian Federation) and some cities (municipalities) operated independently and according to local and regional decision making.

The proposed RSA-Russia conference will not be limited only to planning techniques and analysis of particular plans and cases, but will include a wide range of research topics, related to regional and local economic growth and social and economic development. Papers illustrating knowledge of modern theory and the empirical results of studies on spatial transformations and regional/local economic success/failure factors are welcomed as they will help planners and decision makers to form better local and regional policies and evaluate more accurately the expected social and economic effects.

Conference themes

Among the themes most relevant for spatial development, strategic planning and regional studies in Russia, the conference will focus on the following:

- Urban and Regional Theory
- Urban and Regional Policy and Planning
- New Economic Geography
- Spatial Planning in Russia
- Metropolitan regions: Planning and Governance
- Urban-Rural Integration
- Big Data in Urban and Regional Planning
- Participatory Planning and Governance: NGOs, Civil Society and Territorial Development
- Knowledge Economy and Regional/Local Economic Development
- Human and Social Capital in Territorial Development
- Migration, Investment and Trade: International and Interregional Context
- Inclusive Urban Development
- Territorial Inequality and Cohesion Policy
- Land use regulation and property rights

This list is not exclusive. Applicants may suggest additional topics not listed above, provided that the research has regional/local policy or spatial strategic planning implications.

Abstract submission - when registering please check the visa issuing time and requirements

Please submit your abstract (400 word abstracts) through the Regional Studies Association conference portal by 30th September 2016. Proposals will be considered by the Conference Programme Committee against the criteria of originality and interest, subject balance and geographical spread. For questions please contact Wanda Miczorek at wanda.miczorek@regionalstudies.org. Participants who do not wish to present should also register through the conference portal at http://www.regionalstudies.org/conferences/conference/rsarussia2016.

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