

The SPSU Growth Laboratory

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Two activities

1. Primary: Doing research in all aspects of growth of the economy of the Russian Federation
2. Commenting on policy issues of interest at the national and local level

Themes

- Research: comprehensive coverage of growth issues, focusing on employment and productivity
- Policy commentary: mainly in response to requests from those involved in policy or university authorities
- Most time allocated to first task

Objectives

- Understand the fundamentals of the Russian economy and its institutional structure
- Make policy recommendations about the best way to manage economic change

Research themes

- Aggregate: current position of Russian economy (role of institutions, policies, resources, transition to free-market economy)
- Sectoral: which sectors are doing well and which are lagging? Structural transformation since the transition
- Employment issues: the regulatory structure of labor and product markets. Is there inclusion of all groups and why is there so much inequality?