

## Dear readers!

“Economy of Regions” has for many years occupied a leading position among Russian economic journals, which is confirmed by its high indicators in national and international databases and citation indices. The Journal is ranked as Q2 in SJR, CiteScore and SNIP Scopus in the subject area “Economics, Econometrics and Finance”, and as Q3 in Web of Science (ESCI). “Economy of Regions” is categorised as K1 in the list of the Higher Attestation Commission and as Level 1 in the Russian “White List” of scientific journals; it is also included in the core of the Russian Index of Science Citation (RISC). Over the past few years, the Journal has been included in new databases and citation indices: DOAJ, Open Alex, Redalyc, etc. This means that “Economy of Regions” has successfully passed the quality evaluation and has a wide international audience.

In recent years, the Journal has undergone a number of changes: the system of reviewing and evaluating manuscripts was improved, the editorial board was reorganised, online submission system was introduced, a new logo was developed, and the design of articles was changed in accordance with modern publishing standards. However, now we are not going to stop at what we have achieved. Thus, we decided to introduce the practice of special issues publication to focus on specific features of regional economy, analyse its individual aspects in detail and attract unique specialists as authors, reviewers and readers. Special issues are planned to be published once a year. Recognised experts in a particular field will serve as guest editors.

The guest editor of the first special issue “Economy of the Arctic and Northern Regions” is a well-known expert in the field of Arctic research, Dr. Sci. (Geogr.), Professor of Lomonosov Moscow State University, Chairman of the Russian Section of the European Regional Science Association (ERSA), Director of the Center for the Economy of the North and the Arctic Alexander N. Pilyasov. While the Journal has already published articles on the issues of exploration and development of the Arctic and Northern areas, in the separate issue the authors analysed the problems of these regions in various economic spheres in order to advance the search for their solutions.

We hope these changes will make the Journal an even better platform for discussing issues of regional economy!

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