

Preface

Soviet regions are revisited. Since the collapse of the Soviet Union, the Russian Federation has had to struggle with a variety of difficult economic situations. Many of these difficulties stem from historical conditions that also plagued the Soviet Union. Regional diversity in the Russian economy has been of interest to historians and economists.

This study presents quantitative analyses on Soviet/Russian regions. It reveals that the current economic situations of Russia are the outgrowth of historical conditions embodied in the former Soviet Union. Although quantitative analyses on the Russian economy are still scarce, they are indispensable for international comparison or objective evaluations in order to understand the current economies. An objective of this book is to lay a foundation of quantitative studies for Russian regional economies.

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