

Research Annotation

Russia in the international trading system

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The research team of the World Economy Department presents the research for the SPSU Award including investigations on Russia in the global economy, the Russian trade policy instruments and the modern challenges for its development, the Russian cooperation with partner states and participation in the international trade negotiations.

The research results relate to the RFBR project 17-02-00688 «Transformation of the Russian foreign economic policy under geopolitical challenges» (2017-2019). The research team has been following the above-mentioned research agenda for quite a long time. Under the leadership of Prof. S.F. Sutyurin, the research team took part in the only research and educational project in the post-Soviet space supported by the WTO Chairs program. To get a status of WTO Chair the team won an international competition organized by the World Trade Organization. This project provided an opportunity not only to strengthen research potential, but also to develop an international network with scientists from various universities and research think-tanks. The research team guided other projects of the World Economy Department such as the EU Marie Curie and Jean Monnet programs, which increased the involvement of the authors in the international research community and led to the publication of a monograph in English by one of the world's leading publishing house Routledge.

The research results include the book published in the Web of Science Publishers List (<http://wokinfo.com/mbl/publishers/>) as well as book chapters and papers published for the last five years and indexed in Web of Science and Scopus. The research team also published its research results in book chapters and papers in journals in Russian and English not included in the above-mentioned databases. The authors also presented their investigations at the international conferences in Russia and abroad.

The cornerstone of the research is a monograph, which is now in the process of inclusion in Web of Science and Scopus: Sutyurin S.F., Trofimenko O.Y., Koval A.G. (eds.) *Russian Trade Policy Achievements, Challenges and Prospects*. Routledge (Routledge Studies in the European Economy), London and New York, 2019, 318 p.

This book is a unique publication in English devoted to the contemporary trade policy of Russia. The editors also were the authors of several chapters in the book, which also included the contributions from other scholars from Russia, the USA, China, Finland, Switzerland, Japan, and Brazil. The research team also presented for the SPSU Award 16 papers and book chapters in Russian and English focusing on the Russian role in the international movement of goods, services and capital, the Russian cooperation with partner states and the Russian participation in the WTO. These papers are presented in the corresponding list of research papers.

The research indicates the characteristics of the international trading system transformation. In particular, the authors demonstrate that reforming the WTO, even assuming that almost all WTO members declare for its necessity, will be a long and difficult process with certain chances to fail. The research evaluates the Russian role and its prospects in the process of the WTO reform. Moreover, the authors indicate peculiarities and trends in the Russian economic relations with leading foreign partners. The research represents a quantitative and qualitative analysis of the Russian trade policy and cooperation. Based on this analysis the research team gives recommendation valuable for policy makers and business community.