

### **March 31 – April 1, 2022 held the VII St. Petersburg Economic Congress (SPEC-2022): "The New Industrial Society of the Second Generation (NIS.2): Problems, Factors and Prospects for Development in Today's Geo-Economic Reality"**

The congress was organised by the S.Y. Witte Institute for New Industrial Development (INID) with the support of the Free Economic Society of Russia and took place in a mixed format (offline, online, e-platform).

The plenary session of the Congress took the form of a joint meeting of the Congress, the Economics Department of the Social Science Division of the Russian Academy of Sciences (RAS) and the Scientific Coordination Council of RAS on social and economic forecasting problems.

The director of the S.Y. Witte Institute for New Industrial Development (INID), President of the Free Economic Society of Russia, President of the International Union of Economists, Corresponding Member of RAS, Doctor of Economics, Professor S. Bodrunov opened the Congress and delivered a plenary address on "Modern technological transition and its social and economic consequences".

The Chairman of the Congress, S. Bodrunov, without forgetting the analysis of the current geo-economic situation, proposed to turn to the "profound, long-term trends of technological and socio-economic development, the preconditions of the current situation, in order to try to find a rational scenario of events in the post-crisis society and economy".

"Two global crises and the pandemic that triggered the last crisis, as well as profound geopolitical and economic conflicts, have shown that global problems are not an abstract matter but an urgent practical problem, or rather a system of problems caused by a series of equally global threats. Superimposed on the intensification of geopolitical contradictions, these threats transform our existence into a constant search for strategic solutions that must be both an urgent response to what is happening and a coherent long-term course to resolve the problems. This is not only a search for a way out of long-term stagnation, but a search for a transition to a new quality of development," Bodrunov stressed.

Russia needs a new economic model - the "cooperative economy", characterised by political and social solidarity, focus on the growth of social parameters and priority satisfaction of the social needs of the population, says S. Bodrunov.

Professor Bodrunov named as tasks to be solved for the transition to the new economic model and later to the new industrial society of the second generation, reindustrialisation on the basis of the emergence and rapid development of knowledge-intensive production, reintegration of science and education, evolutionary transformation of property relations on the basis of the development of co-ownership institutions, shoring up, solidarisation and socialisation aimed at the development of society that creates equal social and economic starting conditions for all people.

According to S. Bodrunov, strategic planning, active industrial policy, support of economic forms of activity aimed at transforming property relations, development of public health care, education, culture along with the use of mechanisms close to the so-called unconditional basic income will help to solve these problems.

The subsequent reports of the participants in the plenary session were also a response to the challenges of the time:

**A. Aganbegyan**, Head of the Department of Economic Theory and Policy of the Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration, Doctor of Economics, Professor, Academician of RAS;

**S. Afontsev**, Head of Economic Theory Department, Institute of World Economy and International Relations named after E.M. Primakov, RAS, Doctor of Economics, Professor, Corresponding Member of RAS;

**A. Bakhtizin**, Director of the Central Economics and Mathematics Institute, RAS, Doctor of Economics, Professor, Corresponding Member of RAS;

**D. Belousov**, Head of the Laboratory of Macroeconomic Processes Analysis and Forecasting, Institute of Economic Forecasting, RAS, Doctor of Economics;

**S. Glaziev**, Minister for Integration and Macroeconomics of the Eurasian Economic Commission, Doctor of Economic Sciences, Professor, Academician of RAS;

**M. Golovnin**, Director of the Institute of Economics of RAS, Doctor of Economics, Professor, Corresponding Member of RAS;

**V. Ivanov**, Deputy President of RAS, Doctor of Economics, Candidate of Technical Sciences, Professor, Corresponding Member of RAS;

**V. Ilyin**, Scientific Supervisor of the Vologda Science Centre RAS, Doctor of Economics, Professor, Corresponding Member of RAS / **E. Lukin**, Deputy Head of Department, leading researcher of the Vologda Science Centre RAS, Candidate of Economics;

**G. Kleiner**, Deputy Head of the scientific direction “Meso-economics, microeconomics, corporate economics” of the Central Institute of Economics and Mathematics of RAS, Doctor of Economics, Professor, Corresponding Member of RAS;

**A. Klepach**, Deputy Chairman (Chief Economist), Vnesheconombank;

**V. Kryukov**, Director of the Institute of Economics and Industrial Engineering of the Siberian Branch of RAS, Doctor of Economics, Professor, Academician of RAS;

**V. Maevskiy**, Head of the Centre for Institutional-Evolutionary Economics and Applied Problems of Reproduction, Institute of Economics, RAS, Doctor of Economics, Professor, Academician of RAS;

**B. Porfiriev**, Head of the Economy Section of the Department of Social Sciences of RAS, Chairman of the Scientific Coordination Council for Social and Economic Forecasting, Scientific Director of the Institute of Economic Forecasting of RAS, Doctor of Economic Sciences, Professor, Academician of RAS;

**O. Smolin**, First Deputy Chairman of the State Duma Committee on Science and Higher Education, Professor, Academician of the Russian Academy of Education, Doctor of Philosophy;

**V. Tsvetkov**, Director of the Market Institute of RAS, Doctor of Economics, Professor, Corresponding Member of RAS;

**M. Chernysh**, Director, Federal Research Centre of Sociology, RAS, Doctor of Sociology, Professor, Corresponding Member of RAS;

**V. Chichkanov**, Advisor to the RAS President, Doctor of Economics, Professor, Corresponding Member of RAS;

**A. Shirov**, Director of the Institute of Economic Forecasting of RAS, Doctor of Economics, Professor, Corresponding Member of RAS.

On the second day of the Congress, 01 April, 9 seminars and 3 round tables with 30 sessions were held. One of the key events was the Memorium of the Free Economic Society of Russia dedicated to the memory of Dmitry Sorokin, a Corresponding Member of RAS and an ex-Scientific Director of the Free Economic Society.

On the last day of the congress, the presentation of the new editions of S.Y. Witte INID took place, including the book by S. Bodrunov, R. Desai and A. Freeman *Beyond the Global Crisis: Noon-*

*omy, Creativity, Geopolitical Economy*, were presented selected materials from seminars, lectures and events of S.Y.Witte INID *New Industrial Society: Origins, Reality, Future. Noonomy. VI Volume* and the journal *Noonomy and Noosociety. Almanac of Works of S.Y. Witte INID*.

The recent St. Petersburg Congress of 2022 had an unprecedentedly high number of participants in the 7 years of its existence. The close cooperation between the S.Y.Witte INID and the Russian Academy of Sciences and the Department of Economics of the Department of Social Sciences of the Russian Academy of Sciences made it possible to fundamentally discuss ideas and concepts for further development. The congress also cultivated an international scientific dialogue, which is no easy task in today's environment.

More than 350 speakers from many regions of Russia as well as from near and far abroad, representing various research and educational institutions, authorities, social movements and the business community, had their say at the congress. More than 700 people followed the scientific events of the Congress online during the two days of work.

A video of the plenary session presentations is available on the S.Y. Witte Institute for New Industrial Development website <https://inir.ru/video-spec-2022/>

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