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Abstract

The paper presents a comparative analysis of the employment stability in Russia and Eastern Germany applying a single methodology and comparable micro data sets. In the early 1990s Russia and Eastern Germany went through fundamental changes resulted from the transition from planned to market economy. Despite the fact that each of these countries followed its own way of transformation, the principles of employment have been similar in many ways. Research focuses on a key characteristic of stability/instability of employment. Representative nation-wide data bases (RLMS for Russia and GSEOP for Eastern Germany) provide an opportunity for measurement and econometric analysis. The presented paper reveals and compares main factors of employment instability in Russia, Eastern and Western parts of Germany.

Keywords: labor market; employment instability; institutional context; specific seniority.

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Abstract

This paper describes major principles governing the organization of bazaar. The bazaar economy shows a number of distinctive characteristics that distinguish it from the perfect market as well as non-market economy. The search for information and its protection are central treats of life in the bazaar. Search efficiency depends on two most important procedures, namely: clientelization and bargaining. The bazaar does not correspond to a stereotypical vision describing it as a chaotic crowd phenomenon. Instead, it presents a complex structure of ties among participants involved in close relations of competition and interdependency.

Keywords: bazaar economy; clientelization; bargaining; institutional structure; search for information.

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Abstract

The study aims to analyze institutionalization of networks of social support in inter-family and friendly exchanges. Social support networks imply a set of various systems of continuously reproduced personified relations and interdependencies of network character based on the traditional institution such as family and friendly mutual aid. This institution is regulated by a complex set of formal rules (laws) as well as informal norms (customs, traditions, and in special cases so-called criminal slang). The paper shows effective methods for research in social support networks in inter-family exchanges. A process of institutionalization is illustrated by the model of unbalanced exchanges among the network members in urban and rural families. The author indicates three basic forms of exchanges of psychological resources in networks of social support. At the core of institutionalization of support networks there are relations that participants of these networks meaningfully construct and some unintended outcomes they have in the end.

Keywords: institutionalization; social support networks; inter-family exchanges; material and moral network resources; family budgets.

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Keywords: consumption; values; class; European comparatives.

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Abstract

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Keywords: collectivization; collective farms; peasantry; the Soviet village.

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