

## **Dear friends!**

We offer e-anniversary issue of the journal «Faculty of Economics research investigations. Open access on-line journal». Three years have passed since the registration of the journal was. During that time it was published many interesting articles on a wide range of economic problems, prepared by leading Russian economists as well as young researchers. In previous editions of the journal you will find relevant materials on the theory, methodology and the history of economic thought, institutional and financial economics, mathematical and statistical methods, economics of agriculture and natural resources, public sector and social economics, population science and demography, economics and management.

This issue is special because it features works by famous foreign economists in Russian and English languages. We hope that this tradition will continue in subsequent issues. The reader has the opportunity to enjoy the reading of «Adam Smith, the last of the founders of virtue ethics», written by a professor of the University of Illinois in Chicago Deirdre McCloskey, the study «Culture, institutions and economic growth», written by a professor at Northwestern University, USA Joel Mokyr, and work «The explanation of the trajectories of economic development of civilizations: a system approach» provided by a professor at Duke University Timur Kuran. We are grateful to our foreign colleagues in the materials provided. Also we thanks to the former staff of the Faculty of Economics Konstantin Manasenko who had established contacts with foreign researches. It is noteworthy that the translation of the articles carried novice researchers – master students of the Faculty of Economics of Lomonosov Moscow State University under the guidance by a professor of political economy department Antipina O. N. Great help in finalizing of the translation was provided by staff of research department of the Faculty of Economics of Lomonosov Moscow State University Deshko M. A.

We invite all people interested in the problems of modern economic science to the cooperation.

Sincerely,

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