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Oxford University Press has published The Oxford Handbook of the Russian Economy in New York. A unique monographic publication, written by a team of distinguished Russian and Western scholars, was edited by Shlomo Weber, Robert H. and Nancy Dedman Trustee Professor of Economics at Southern Methodist University, Research Director of the New Economic School (NES) Laboratory in Diversity and Social Interactions, and Michael Alexeev, Professor of Economics at Indiana University (Bloomington, USA).

The handbook is likely to become the most comprehensive and up-to-date study of the modern Russian economy ever issued in the West. The authors’ articles cover not only the post-Soviet period, but the earlier times as well. Though a voluminous amount of literature has studied various individual aspects of the Russian economy, this is the first time in the West when such a comprehensive and systematic analysis of the socialist legacies, the current state, and future prospects of the Russian economy is gathered in one book.

The team of the authors is international and presented both by leading international scholars, including Barry W. Ickes, Professor of Economics at the Pennsylvania State University and member of the NES International Advisory Board, and well-known Russian academics and public figures, including Valery Makarov, Director of CEMI RAS and President of NES, Vladimir Mau, Rector of the Russian Presidential Academy for National Economy and Public Administration, and Georgy Satarov, President of INDEM Foundation. Among the authors are NES tenure-track faculty and visiting professors: Shlomo Weber (author and editor), Irina Denisova, Ruben Enikolopov, Andrei Markevich, Tatiana Mikhailova, Russel Pittman, Leonid Polishchuk, Vladimir Popov, Sergey Stepanov, David G. Tarr, Judith Shapiro, Natalya Volchkova.

“Together with our colleagues and co-authors, we did our best to provide in one volume a complete, well-rounded, and essential look at the complex, emerging Russian economy, - said Shlomo Weber. – I’m sure that the book will be useful both for experts in the Russian economy, as well as for anyone with an interest in the economy of Russia, whether in our country or abroad.”
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About Shlomo Weber

A holder of Cum Laude degree awarded by the Moscow State University, Mechanical and Mathematical Department in 1971, Shlomo Weber received a PhD in mathematical economics from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem in 1979. He published more than one hundred papers in major international journals in economics and political science, primarily on economic theory, public sector economics, political economy and game theory including the book How Many Languages Do We Need: Economics of Linguistic Diversity written together with Victor Ginsburg and recently published by the Princeton University Press. Shlomo Weber serves as an editor of the Handbook of the Russian Economy (together with Michael Alexeev) for the Oxford University Press.

Shlomo Weber was the Chair of the Economics Department and the Director of the Johnson Center for Economic Studies at the Southern Methodist University (Dallas, USA, 1994-2004), Research Director of the Center for Operations Research and Econometrics (CORE, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium, 2004-2006) and the Academic Director of the International Economic School (Tbilisi, Georgia, 2007-2008).

He has been honored with a variety of awards in science including the Humboldt Award for outstanding foreign scientists (2002). Shlomo Weber has a wealth of experience of consulting in Eastern and Western Europe, Central and South East Asia and currently coordinates the development project at the National University of Mongolia. He served as a member of Academic Council of International Higher Education Support Program (HESP-OSI) and worked as an expert with the International Monetary Fund. Shlomo Weber is a member of the Board of Directors of the Global Development Network (GDN), and of the International Advisory Board of the Economic Education and Research Consortium (EERC).

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