

Technology Transfer in Post-Socialist Economies - The Case of Ukraine and Russia in Comparison with East Germany and Poland

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The project aims at a comparative analysis of regional knowledge transfer systems in Krasnoyarsk and Kiev and a comparison with other post-socialist regions in Poland (Opole) and in East Germany (Saxony). These regions are due to their common time under socialist regimes equipped with a common institutional history, but by the end of socialism were confronted with different challenges and development opportunities. The regional innovation system of Baden-Württemberg (Germany) as a leading European benchmark case is to be compared with them. The project includes qualitative case studies of Krasnoyarsk, Kiev and Saxony (based on methods developed by the Center for SME Research and Entrepreneurship to study the regions of Opole and Baden-Württemberg in previous research projects). This first part of the project is completed jointly by young Russian and Ukrainian scientists as well as staff of the Center for SME Research and Entrepreneurship. In the second part hypotheses regarding institutional obstacles to knowledge and innovation transfer in the regional knowledge transfer systems in Kiev and Krasnoyarsk are jointly developed and tested quantitatively in form of business surveys.

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