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**Theory without measurement or measurement without theory: or some features of doing**

**economic history in Russia**

Studying of economic history (EH) in Russia dates back to the XIX century. In spite of a large number of papers dealing with disciplinary history of EH in Russia there is a lack of research that reveals the specifics of the structure of the Russian community of economic historians (RCEH). To fill this gap the author conducted a survey of the 40 members of the Russian community of economic historians about their conceptual and methodological views and the obstacles of doing research in the economic history in Russia. The analyses found out that one of the of the major issues of further development of economic history is the split of the local academic community. Particularity, Russian community of economic historians consists of the two main groups of scholars who have little or no contact with each other: 1) continuers of the traditions of Douglass North who are focused on theory without measurements; 2) adherents of Robert Fogel who are engaged in sophisticated measurements without theory.