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ANALYSIS OF APPROACHES TO INTERREGIONAL CONNECTIVITY STUDIES: INTERPRETATION AND EVALUATION PROBLEMS

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Abstract. The article is devoted to the analysis of approaches to the interregional connectivity's interpretation and evaluation. Connectivity as one of the principles of spatial development seems to be a hot topic in modern economic research. The methodological basis of the study was general scientific methods, as well as various methods of analysis, including the scientific literature on relevant topics analysis. The information base of the study was scientific publications on interregional connectivity. Among the results of the study, it can be noted that in the Russian scientific community, the interregional connectivity problems are at the initial stage of their study. This conclusion is made on the basis of an existing approaches analysis to the definition "interregional connectivity" and its assessment: it can be traced in the absence of a single and, most importantly, multifaceted approach to understanding and typology, as well as the use of predominantly mathematical methods for assessing connectivity. Based on the analysis, the author has identified a promising field for future research in this area, which presents the methodological basis for the interregional connectivity comprehensive assessment, as well as the definition and identification of connectivity types, taking into account various aspects of this socio-economic phenomenon.

Keywords: interregional connectivity; space; socio-economic development; scientific approach; mathematical modeling.

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