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FOREIGN EXPERIENCE OF REGULATING DEMOGRAPHIC ASYMMETRY OF TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT

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Abstract. Uneven development is an integral property of the economic space. Hence, the concept of asymmetry is a complex category reflecting the disproportions of the demographic dynamics of territorial development. That is why socio-demographic asymmetry falls directly or indirectly into the sphere of state regulation and regional policy both in Russia and abroad. Thus, this article is devoted to analyzing the foreign practices of spatial policy in the field of demographic development. The author identifies three fundamentally different approaches to the regulation of socio-demographic asymmetry associated with the equalization of imbalances, increasing unevenness or ensuring harmonized demographic development. Then, the key advantages and disadvantages of such approaches are highlighted. In the second part of the article, the author formulates the factors determining the conceptual choice of demographic development in the context of the implementing the spatial policy. In conclusion, some features of the regulation of socio-demographic asymmetry in Russia are noted.

Keywords: demographic asymmetry; territorial development; spatial policy; alignment of imbalances; harmonized development.

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