
SECTORAL-MAGNITUDE SPECIFICS OF THE UKRAINIAN ECONOMY'S MARKET TRANSFORMATION AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR EUROPEAN INTEGRATION PROCESSES



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Dr Kotsan is a member of the Specialized Academic Council for the defence of Ph. D. theses at Ivan Franko Lviv National University; Member of the Commission of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine in the sphere of the development of higher education; Member of the Commission of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine for the accreditation of higher education institutions and specialities; Chairperson of the Coordination Council of the Institute of Polish at LUEENU.

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Areas of scientific research: territorial and spatial processes in the customs proceedings of Ukraine and foreign countries; the issue of border installations and operations; customs, Ukrainian border-zone and cross-border cooperation; and tourism-related geography.

Scientific output of N. Kotsan. During the period of her scientific research 150 papers have been published, including seven monographs (one of which is of individual authorship), four manuals (one of them of individual authorship, and two of which have been recommended by the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine for university students).

Research supervision of the following Ph. D. theses:

Vavryniuk A. A Social and Geographical Analysis of the Polish Portion of the Euroregion “Bug” (2007).

Kopachynska G. The Political and Geographical Features of the Formation and Functioning of Ukraine’s Maritime Boundaries (2013).

Alisova O. A Socio-Geographical Assessment of the Competitive Capacities of Ukrainian-Polish and Polish-German Transboundary Regions (2014).

Mazurets R. The Entire Complex of Recreational Areas in the Volyn Oblast (2014).

Poruchynska I. The Demographic Situation in the Northwestern Economic District (2015).

Pasevych Y. The Socio-Geographical Specifics of the Volyn Oblast Labour Market (2015).

Summary. Ukraine’s experience of independence, the reforming in its economic sphere, and the complexity and frames of current problems have necessitated transformations and structural changes in industry. The goal of this long and costly process is to provide a strong foundation for the Ukraine’s transformation into a highly-developed nation with a

focus on society. Its economy is to be market oriented, highly competitive and strong enough to cope with the most complicated tasks of its development.

The realization of that goal includes the improvement of the dimensional organizational structure in many spheres, such as the consumption of natural resources, material production, customs and external economic activities, the service sector and transboundary cooperation as special types of external economic connections. These are the main areas of study of the scientific school, as well as issues relating to Ukraine-EU cooperation, Ukraine-European integration and EU expansion.

Scientific activity of the school. Members of the school have investigated the following areas: specific features of stable development for Ukraine and its border areas; the processes of transforming the industrial system in the context of transborder cooperation; specifics of the functioning of European regions; investment processes regions dealing with economic depression or stress; Ukraine's foreign policy in the context of globalisation; the territorial organization of Ukraine's customs activities; management problems in the steady development of dimensional systems in the context of transboundary cooperation; and problems of sociocultural development in border regions.

During the last 5 years members of the school wrote and published two single-author and four collective-authorship manuscripts, nine manuals, more than 70 educational works and more than 500 scientific articles.

International scientific conferences are held each year by the LUEENU Department of International Relations on issues relating to the development of border regions and their participation in the processes of integration. The conferences are organized with the help and active participation of the members of the school.

The school has established close relations with scientific and educational institutions in Ukraine and in foreign countries such as Poland, Russia, and Belarus.

Under the supervision of Dr. Kotsan six Ph. D. theses for the obtaining of Ph. D. degrees in the sphere of economics and social geography have been defended.

Members of the School

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Areas of scientific research: current activity in the Polish portion of the Bug Euroregion; The Polish-Soviet boundary after 1944 (in the Ukrainian frontier region).

Serhii Fedoniuk, Ph. D. in Geography, Associate Professor, dean of the International Affairs Faculty at LUEENU. S. Fedoniuk is a recipient of the Ukraine Certificate of Distinction for Excellence in Education; Certificates of Distinction from the Ukraine Ministry of Education and Science, and from the Volyn Regional State Administration

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Areas of scientific research: territorial organization of the region's foreign economic activities; transborder cooperation; European integration, towards a single European Union (EU) market; EU expansion; the information society; multinational cooperation in economics and policy.

Olexandr Motsyk, Ambassador of Ukraine to the United States; Deputy Chairman of the Supervisory Board, Professor Emeritus of LUEENU, Ph. D., Associate Professor in the Department of Country Studies and International Affairs at LUEENU.

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Areas of scientific research: European and world cultural and spiritual traditions; ethnic religious conflicts in Europe and elsewhere in the world; the cultural policy of European Union countries; acute foreign-policy problems of European Union countries; problems of European Union regional security; EU migration policy and refugee problems in European Union countries; analysis of modern international relations; borderlands sociocultural development problems.

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Areas of scientific research: territorial organization of the administrative regions' construction industry complexes; international information and transportation communications; functioning of the pan-Ukrainian and border-region transportation system in the context of European integration processes.

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Areas of scientific research: geopolitical interests of Ukraine in the 21st century; geopolitical patterns of transformation in Ukraine due to the systemic crisis of 2013–2016; specifics of the implementation of Ukraine's Europe-oriented geopolitical trajectory at the present stage; the development of modern tourism in Ukraine and its border regions.

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Area of scientific research: Territorial characteristics of the social and demographic processes in the northwestern region and the border areas of Ukraine



