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Russian Economic Growth and Economic Crises While Moving From Planned to Market Economy (1960-2013)

General plan

- 1. Russia is a country with an unknown history. Problems of statistical data
- 2. Three concepts of economic cycles. Which of them is appropriate for Russia?
- 3. Three institutional paradigms of the Russian economy for only 50 years
- 4. Three additional topics

Problems of Russian statistical data. Unavailability and unreliability

1. Unavailability of certain time-series for Russia as a part of the USSR

2. Official data on industrial production and alternative estimates. Problems with the official deflators

Three concepts of economic cycles. Different turning points

- 1. Business cycles (ups and downs)
- 2. Growth cycles (fluctuations around the trend)
- 3. Growth rate cycles (ups and downs of growth rates)
- 4. Fixing the cyclical turning points (yearly/quarterly/monthly?)

Three institutional paradigms of the Russian economy for only 50 years

Planned / Transitional / Market Economy
Do economic cycles treat the matter?

Three additional topics

1. Should any 'non-short' fluctuation be thought as cyclical?

2. Cycles in planned economies: are they unthinkable?

3. Comparison of the long-run Russian trajectory with the American one

Schematic Patterns of Growth Cycle and Business Cycle Movements (Irregular Movements Smoothed Out)



Zarnowitz, Ozyildirim (2002). P. 42

Indices of industrial production: official VS alternative



USSR-Russia: Long-run industrial trajectory



The USSR/Russia VS the USA: long-run industrial trajectories

