



# CAPITAL CITIES: EMBRACING THE CHANGE AND TAPPING INTO OPPORTUNITIES

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**MOSCOW – ST.-PETERSBURG: THE  
ROLE OF NEW FACTORS IN SPATIAL  
TRANSFORMATION  
BETWEEN TWO RUSSIAN CAPITALS**

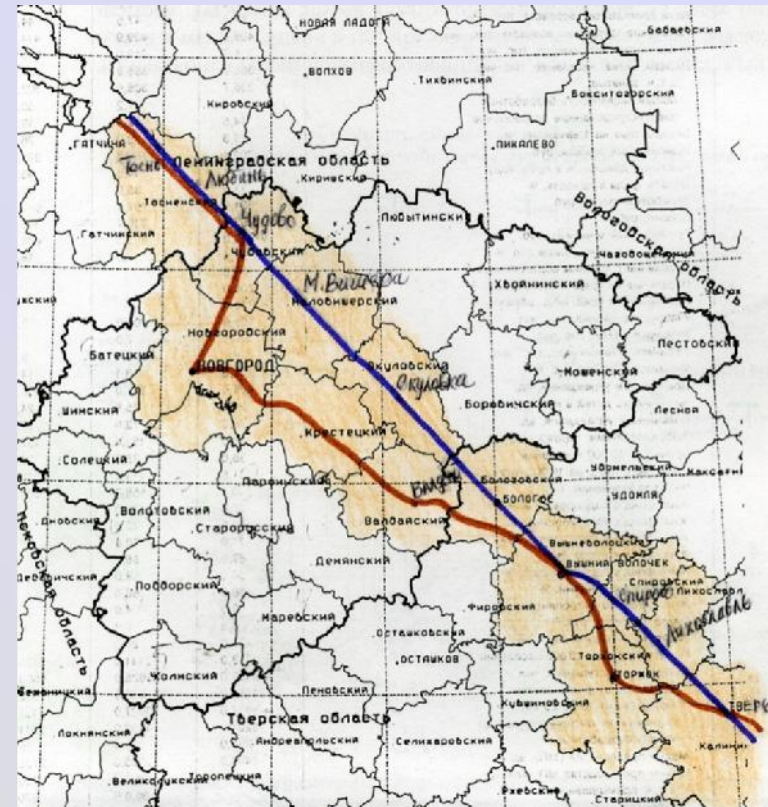
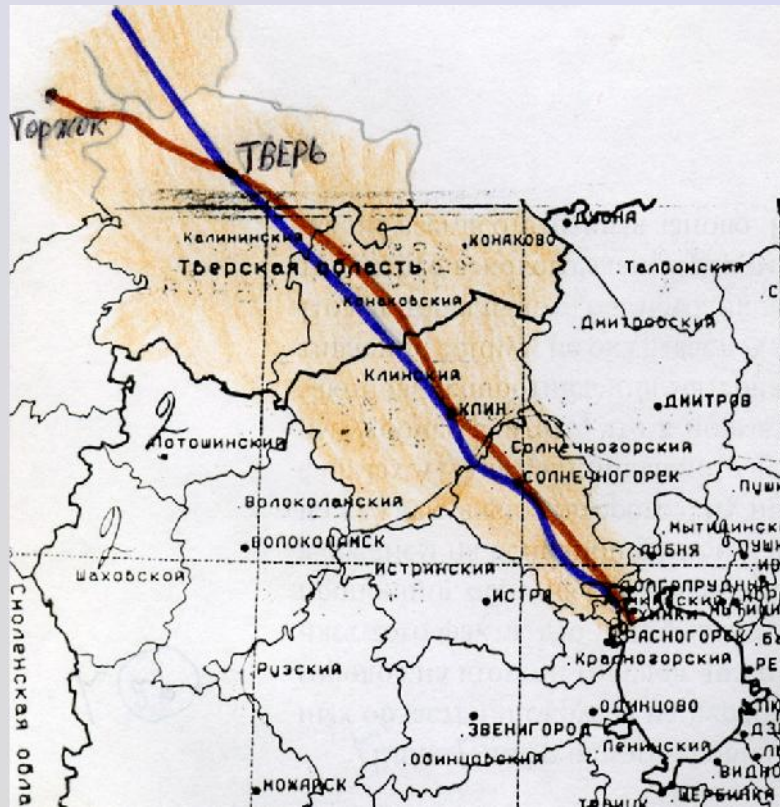
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# TRAVEL FROM PETERSBURG TO MOSCOW



# Our route



<b>Population 01.01.2013 (thousand)</b>			
	<b>total</b>	<b>urban</b>	<b>rural</b>
<b>Moscow</b>	<b>11979.5</b>	<b>11843.6</b>	<b>135.9</b>
<b>Moscow oblast</b>	<b>7048.1</b>	<b>5739.5</b>	<b>1308.6</b>
<b>Tver oblast</b>	<b>1334.1</b>	<b>998.6</b>	<b>335.5</b>
<b>Tver</b>	<b>408.8</b>		
<b>Novgorod oblast</b>	<b>625.9</b>	<b>441.3</b>	<b>184.6</b>
<b>Velikiy Novgorod</b>	<b>219.9</b>		
<b>Leningrad oblast</b>	<b>1751.1</b>	<b>1141.3</b>	<b>609.8</b>
<b>St. Petersburg</b>	<b>5028.0</b>		

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## Main factors of development of this territory:

- Strengthening of agglomerative processes. Rapid development and expansion of influence of Moscow's and St. Petersburg's agglomerations
  - Recreational potential of the Tver and Novgorod oblasts
  - Development of transport infrastructure
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# Moscow agglomeration

- monocentrism related to Moscow's power and influence and a radial and concentric structure with sharp center-periphery contrasts
- polycentrism of the satellite zone with the presence of equal economic centers and second-category agglomerations
- development of edge centers and areas in places of transportation contacts with the centers of adjacent oblasts, which is rather uncommon to Russia

# Moscow and the nearest suburbs





# Distant suburbs - Klin



# New plants in distant suburbs-glass production



# Suburbs of St. Petersburg – Tosno district



# Russian summer houses (“dacha”)



# Konakovo district



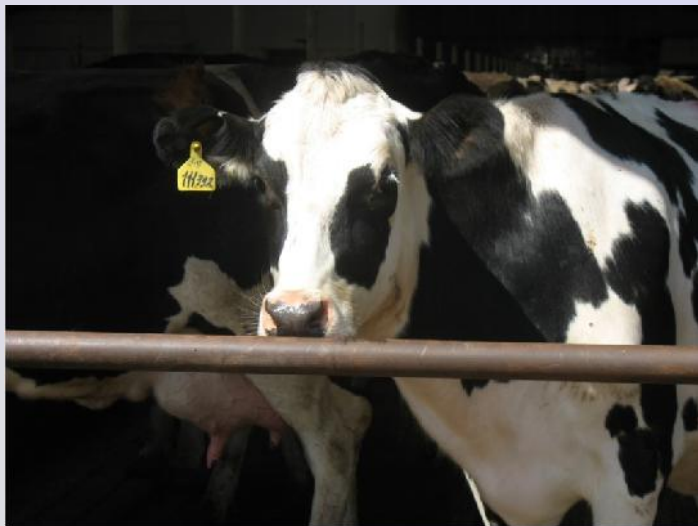
# Great Zavidovo



# Valday district



# Agroholding Dmitrova Gora – Konakovo district





# Closed enterprises – Konakovo faience



# Closed enterprises – “Krasny may” glass factory (Tver oblast)



# Transport infrastructure



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Thanks for your attention

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