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Introduction

This volume contains papers presented at seminar organised by two co-operating universities: European University Viadrina, Frankfurt (Oder) and Poznań University of Economics in Łagów in October 1997. The papers were read by teaching assistants and doctoral candidates from the two Universities. The seminar was organised for the third time, the first seminar was held in 1995, the second one in 1996, both in Lubniewice. The intellectual exchange of ideas, co-operation and joint meetings of young teachers and scientific workers have got a short but a three-year tradition. It has already been decided that the fourth seminar will be held in autumn this year.

The presentation of the papers seemed to be at least such interesting as it was in the previous two years. The discussion following presentation was rather lively, sometimes very intensive, and always fruitful to participants, as they could get reaction to the results of their work, sometimes very first ones, sometimes very mature ones.

Like previous year Poznań University of Economics decided to publish papers prepared for the seminar. The proceedings have got the same title: *From Plan to Market. Selected Problems of Transition*. The papers entered the proceedings in the form delivered by the participants of the seminar to editor.

The participants of the seminar, teaching assistants, doctoral candidates work for or are associated with different chairs and departments, that is why their fields of interest are quite different. To some extend that is a reason why the range of problems dealt with in the papers is quite wide.

Some papers are coming back to basics (e.g. paper by E.F. Rosenbaum), majority of papers is devoted to different problems countries face during transformation period: general problems (e.g. papers by K. Muller, T. Jost and R. Gessel, D. Süß), some - sectoral problems (e.g. papers by M. Klama, J. Mikołajczyk), with a special stress on banking sector (e.g. papers by R. Chudzik, E. Łon, M. Sury-Walterowicz), and on foreign exchange sector (e.g. papers by M. Brunner and H. Himmel, R. Stefański); some were devoted to specific problems in accounting (e.g. papers by M. Cieślak, R. Napiecek) or environmental quality management (e.g. M. Urbaniak). Solving the transformation problems it is worthwhile to stop and to rethink some basics (e.g. paper by E.F. Rosenbaum), or to deal with some specific problems

Despite of the variety of topics the young academics considered it challenging and enjoyable to discuss different problems from different perspectives of their interest. The seminar was a kind of success and it has already been planned the next seminar will be held this year.

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