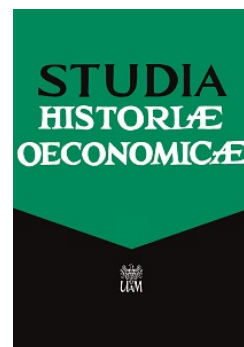


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**Title of the Issue: INVESTMENTS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**  
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Investment in physical and human capital, regardless of the historical era, is considered to be one of the most important factors of economic growth. Thanks to investments in machinery, equipment and economic infrastructure, bottlenecks in production processes are eliminated and new products and services emerge, and employees have a more efficient skill-set. In turn, thanks to investments in human capital, employees improve their skills and become more effective. On the other hand, economic history also knows examples of investments that hurt society and the natural environment.

Inherent in the investment process was the acquisition of investment funds and the choice of the object and place of investment, which changed depending on the era (pre-industrial, industrial, post-industrial) as well as political and demographic conditions. In addition to private investment, from the earliest times, one of the most important investors was the state, which, not only developed infrastructure but also directly engaged in production activities or stimulated development through public procurement.

Today, one of the most important trends in investment is foreign direct investment (FDI), which, on the one hand, is an element of market expansion and corporate cost optimization policies and, as a result, an important factor in the modernization of backward economies and a tool for driving growth in developed economies; and on the other hand, is often criticized as a tool of contemporary neo-colonialism.

Broadly defined, **INVESTMENTS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**, is the subject of the first issue of the 43<sup>rd</sup> volume of the journal *Studia Historiae Oeconomicae*.

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- the scale and forms of investment and their impact on economic growth and development,
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- investments as a tool of economic policy,
- investments in physical and human capital,
- sources of capital and directions of investment,
- private and public investments,
- investments and environmental degradation,
- impact of investment on the distribution of productive forces,
- foreign direct investment (FDI) throughout history,
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