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Russian Land Norms in Historical Perspective, 1700-1920

The paper traces the history of land norms and their connection to “sufficiency” from roughly 1700 to 1920, paying particular attention to the connections between statistics, conceptions of peasant economy and the prominence of land allotment norms in plans for land reform, concluding that the resilience of land allotment norms in these plans not only had much to do with their adaptability to a variety of political needs and contingencies, but also to the way that elites conceptualized peasant agriculture.