### Paper Title
A Regional Perspective on the Economic Development of the late Russian Empire

### Abstract
Markevich analyzes the relative impacts of geographical and institutional factors on the economic development of the late Russian empire. He reconstructs gross regional products and labor productivity for all provinces of the empire around 1900 for the first time. His estimates highlight substantial heterogeneity within a middle-income country. He shows that both natural advantages – sea access, mineral resources, land abundance – and institutions, in particular the legacy of serfdom, account for the observed variation. He also provides evidence that market potential and specialization externalities played a role.