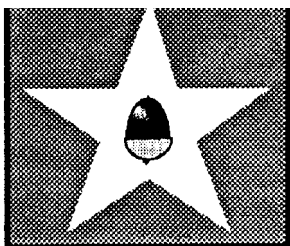


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Foreword

In the six months since Professor Kennaway's death, many of his colleagues have missed his pungent comments and analysis of events. More, we have found ourselves turning to his published papers as a means of explaining to others the starting point of much of our own analysis. It therefore seemed sensible to collect in one volume those pieces which continue to have relevance and interest. That there are so many, and that they continue to have a great deal of contemporary relevance in the face of the fast pace of change of the last ten years, should come as no surprise to those who knew him.

In his ten years at CSRC, Sasha wrote over 30 published papers for the Centre. He also maintained a prolific correspondence with the British, American and Russian press as well as individuals worldwide. Inevitably, selection has been difficult, and no attempt has been made to revise the papers by changing tenses or updating figures. The collection starts with his view of what makes Russianness. There follows a series of historical pieces, which reveal in detail how today's Russia was formed by the character of its industrial, economic and administrative forbears. Then come his useful studies of the problems of industrial restructuring. As he was ever pragmatic, these include many practical suggestions and case studies from his own experience, and pull no punches about what he thought was wrong with many of the miracle cures touted by foreigners.

To one of his papers (not in this collection), Sasha prefixed the disclaimer: the author does not necessarily agree with the views he reports in this paper. Yet he always attempted to explain to his reader the problems as they were seen by those involved, in their own terms and by their own standards as well as by ours, and adjusted his own views where he learned something new.

These papers present Sasha's unique perspective, and are enlivened by anecdotes of himself and his wide acquaintance, together with gleanings from his omnivorous reading. They also show fascinating glimpses of his many previous 'careers', before he took up his work for CSRC in 'retirement'. For those who did not know him, there is much to learn from them; for those who did, some happy memories and some salutary reminders.

Anne Aldis

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