

## ECONOMIC THEORY AND HISTORY OF ECONOMIC THOUGHT

**Methodological knowledge as a composite element  
of the scientific economic knowledge****Bratuta O.H.**

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Some basic theoretical problems of methodological support of researches in Ukrainian economic science are investigated in the article.

The object of research is the methodology of economic science.

The subject of research is the methodological knowledge.

Analysis of latest publications in the field of economics methodology has given grounds to assert the lack of systematic, well founded and universally accepted by the Ukrainian scientific community knowledge in this field of scientific cognition.

The process of forming of appropriate knowledge is remaining only in the initial stage.

The problem consists in inchoate and imperfect system of methodological support to the Ukrainian economic science.

A number of theoretical issues need to be decided. The priority issues are the definition of essence, content and structure of methodological knowledge.

The content of the notion methodological knowledge is defined with the following attributes: general – it is a separate type of

scientific knowledge; essential – knowledge is the result of the second reflection, it is normative, and that it is inherent a universality regarding the use of any branch and disciplines of science.

The notion "methodological knowledge" is proposed to interpret as a type of scientific knowledge, based on which method of creating of subject scientific knowledge is determined.

The main purpose of methodological research is the definition and substantiation of method of conducting subject research.

The structure of the concept of "methodological knowledge" is formed by the following elements: object and subject of scientific research; prior knowledge at philosophical (general scientific) and concretely scientific levels of scientific knowledge; categorical basis; scientific problem; form of scientific knowledge, where the results of scientific research should be imagined; aims and objectives of scientific research; means of scientific research; form of logic, which is used in scientific research; criteria for determination of truth of scientific research results.