

ABSTRACT

Presented dissertation is compilation of seven articles complemented by introductory summary. First part of the dissertation contains the theoretical and methodological summary of the research topic, which include our theoretical discussion resulting from our concrete research. In the second part is presented selection of our articles, which were published or accepted to the press. The topic of the dissertation are migrants, who set up their business and their business activities. Specific attention is paid to migrants economic activities in space, concretely the types of economic concentration.

The summary part of the dissertation introduces three theoretical and methodological approaches to the research to this topic, which have been in the research interest since the 70s till now. They were cultural, structural and individual approaches. The aim of this summary is linking these approaches with our research and answering the question, whether it is possible to use these approaches and theories and models resulted from these three approaches in the environment of the Czech Republic. If yes than the question is with what problems and results.

In our research published in articles we have used all three theoretical and methodological approaches. In the cultural approach we were inspired by concepts of economic integration of immigrants (the ethnic economy and ethnic economic enclaves) and by existence of ethnic resources. The individual approach influenced our research by methodology of the research concretely by analysing the decision making process of immigrant entrepreneurs. But the most often used approach by us was the structural one. Because this approach and specifically interactive model which originated in this approach thank to their complexity allowed us to explain many circumstances of immigrant's business behaviour.

The summary part of dissertation shows that it is possible to use all three introduced theoretical and methodological approaches in the research of immigrants' entrepreneurs and their business in the Czech Republic. The specific attention is necessary to pay to certain limitations resulting from paradigmatic changes of subject of studying.