"Psychological Aspects of International Migration and Integration of Foreigners to Majority Society"

This thesis deals with psychological aspects of international migration and psychological background of adaptation to the new environment. The thesis combines general psychology, individual psychology, cross-cultural psychology and behavioral geography. The author applies knowledge of psychology disciplines to the research of creation and forming of mental maps of residential desirability, place perception discovering and exploring knowledge about alternate destination for long term or permanent residency. It searches for relations between character profile according to Big Five personality traits - resilient, overcontrolled, undercontrolled and migrational and adaptive propensity.

This thesis consist of two blocks, first part is dedicated to theroretical issues about psychological background of migration and adaptative process. Main topics are: personality theory and its application to migrants personality, theory of motivation within context of international migration, job of psyche and its influence on creation and forming of mental maps of residential desirability in perspective of international migration, process of adaptation, adaptive strategies, psychological difficulties of adaptation and instrumental problems of migration and adaptation.

Second part presents findigs of its own research of mental maps of residential desirability and psychological background of migrational and adaptive propensity of foreign students residing in Czech Republic. It is quantitative analysis based on questionnaire research. Main outputs of the research are: mental maps of residential desirability of the Czech Republic and the world, selection of factors that determine them, classification of tested sample according to BF and relation of single character profiles to the choice of factors that determine mental maps of residential desirability and propensity to adative strategy selection.