

Abstract in English

This diploma thesis encompasses the idea of the economic role of a state in relation to trends of globalization applying political science, political economy and economic geography. The idea goes on by progressively defined conceptions of societal institutions – the concept of a state and political nation on basis of the social contract, the conception of the fair society on basis of the work called Justice as Fairness by John Rawls, conception of globalization in terms of its trends in the area of changing division of work and rising income inequality, and conception of the character of changing roles of a state in relation to globalization and economy.

Reference state is a small, internationally opened, democratic and developed society, which holds western values and norms. It is assumed that in such society individuals pursue their own happiness as a notion of good life. In this aspect Justice as Fairness theory was chosen as a framework for society of equal citizens where economic transactions are considered fair and everybody is given the chance to pursue their own vision of their lives and such state of society shall remain preserved in time.

Two main economic roles of a state are concluded by the analysis of consequences of chosen trends of globalization in relation to the underlying framework of a state as societal institution of equal citizens. Author concludes that the first role of a state should be solving a problem of perishing institutional basis of solidarity among individuals and consciousness of belonging to big and rather anonymous community of political nations and their supranational organizations. Societal institutions are becoming more anonymous by the involvement of market mechanisms and bureaucratic procedures in a wide range of life aspects. The second role of a state should be preparation for the world where competition deepens. Rising educated middle class in developing nations might break the standing welfare and conditions of the middle class in developed countries, therefore not only lower class might be negatively affected by globalization and increasing inequality.

According to the opinion of the author, the issues of underlying structures will be affected by the future development of global economy, therefore finding working

solutions of these issues is of the highest importance. Possible disintegration of the basic framework should not be marginalized by concentrating on the institutions which take the underlying institutions of peaceful society for granted.