

## Abstract

The thesis interprets the development of Foucault's thinking and within *The Order of Things* it subjects the whole concept of economy to critical reflection and defines the structure and dynamics on which the term is built. My work progresses from the abstract issue of Foucault's thinking to specific theories related to the topic. The first part is focused on the key changes and breaks across the author's thinking and work and forms the basis for a comparison of *The Order of Things* with a broader view of Foucault's thinking.

Then I follow with economic theory basis in *The Order of Things* and define terms such as monetary theory, value theory, wealth analysis and other that are directly connected with economic issues. I focus on authors of economic theories who have influenced Foucault's thinking or are differently connected with my explication, e.g. Adam Smith, David Ricardo or Karl Marx.

In the final part of the thesis I compare Foucault's thoughts and conclusions with the philosophy of Louis Althusser in his book *Reading Capital* which is based on Karl Marx's theories. The focus is mainly on the interpretation of modern episteme which is in *The Order of Things* directly related to the term of economy. I introduce common and different attributes of Althusser's and Foucault's thinking and present my own interpretation of modern economy which results from this comparison.