

## **Abstract**

Concerning the French colonial presence in Algeria after the Second World War, we can observe an increased effort of high representatives of both metropolitan France and French Algeria to realize a quick modernization of this territory. Those reforms took place in order to keep the territory under the French colonial scope by changing it into one of the French departments with a developed economy and well integrated inhabitants. At the time of the Independence War these efforts seem like an alternative, non-military approach how to realize it. The subject of this case study is to analyse the French colonial modernization in practice on the case of Algeria between the Second World War and its independence. Its goal is to present the system of modernization process to readers. It examines especially the economic modernization as this domain demonstrates many examples of modernization as agricultural population reduction, efficiency of work, fast GDP growth, education, industrialization and efficient use of natural resources. This progress was based on huge four-year modernization plans. These reforms show many signs of modernization, but if their true goal was to keep Algeria French, they can not be considered as successful.