

Abstract

Author of the thesis attempts to describe and compare the theoretical backgrounds of Samuel Huntington and Charles Taylor (as a representative of multiculturalism) affecting their fundamentally different views on the problem of immigration in the west democratic societies. On the basis of the theoretical concept of identity and dichotomies of universalism – particularism or liberalism – communitarianism the premises of the authors are interpreted and the differences are explained in their approaches to the role of immigration in the west democracies. The sceptical look of Samuel Huntington at the process of immigration and from it resulting culturally plural character of society is tried to be interpreted by the author of this bachelor thesis as a result of the Huntington's negative notion of identity and his shift to particularism. Relatively more positive approach of Charles Taylor to the process of immigration and its results is then explained by his tendency to the positive notion of identity and to the universalistic ideal of authenticity. This thesis is purely placed at the theoretical level and it expends both to area of political philosophy and international relations. The conclusion of this thesis is then the formulation of relevant hypothesis, which can be in the future operationalized and empirically tested. Analytical approach to the particular notions devoted to the theme of immigration and cultural plurality of society is considered as essential for the rationalization of the political debate regarding this process by the author of this bachelor thesis.