Summary of Michał Nowicki PhD thesis entitled “Global governance in world economy. Idea, current state and perspective”

Global governance is a theoretic conception examining the shaping of global order as well as a currently existing, in germinal form, system build by states and international organizations since mid-twentieth century. In the theoretical layer research on shaping of new international order, under discussed conception, are far younger. “Governance Without Government. Order and Change in World Politics“ by J.N.Rosenau and E.O.Czempiel, published in 1992, is considered as a pioneer thesis in this area.

The main purpose of this thesis is systematization of knowledge about the idea of global governance in field of international economy. This purpose contains precise defining of the “global governance” term, specifying genesis of the idea, diagnosis of it current state of realisation and an attempt to describe the perspective of future implementation in an area of the economy.

In this thesis the following research methods are used: analysis and critic of Polish- and English-language scientific literature, descriptive method and questionnaire survey.

Dissertation consists of introduction with methodical part, five chapters and conclusion. Chapter one has theoretical character. Based on the review of literature there are several definitions of most important concepts and theoretical introduction to further considerations. Second chapter has empirical character. Thanks to the observations and gathered knowledge, main global issues considered in economics, were selected and described. The following part of this thesis is dedicated to description of major players in the world of economy and is an attempt to place them in global governance conception. Chapter four describes a current standing of global governance divided into nongovernmental organisations, states and international organisations. Additionally it contains critical analysis of B.R Barber’s conception of “mayors parliament”. In the last chapter there is a diagnosis of main challenges which global governance will have to face and depiction of a possible variant of a future development of this idea.

The goal of describing this idea was achieved by creating of a large, authorial definition of global governance and description of its genesis on a wide historical background. By defining players of world economy, describing them in the context of global governance and evaluating their involvement in applying global governance conception, further goals set by the author were accomplished. Diagnosis of a majors challenges standing in the way to implement discussed idea and created by the author, based on his own conclusions and feedback received from survey, alternative visions of development of global governance in the future helps to complement the whole thesis and to fully achieve the intended objectives.