

Comparing the process of the nationalization in Eastern and Western Europe: cases and studies.

The crises which appeared after the World War II not only was a great crises for the society, but also infected and paralyzed the economic life throughout in Europe. As a cure for this situation the political leaders of the certain European countries found a possible solution to restart and to handle the economic problems. On a first glimpse, the nationalization seems to be an especially easy notion to be defined; the economic transformation controlled by state party followed by the Soviet wishes which undoubtedly established a great political basis. However, we cannot accept this description as an accurate and precise definition until we do not try to compare the different methods of the nationalization processes in Europe. What were the main motivations and drivers in the certain countries? Can we find any similarities and/or differences between these countries?

In my presentation I will make an effort to show tendencies of the nationalization in chosen Western and Eastern European countries. Picking out the several companies in both sides of the continent will show us, that the method of the nationalization has some very important similarities. The key issue in this topic to recognize and to categorize those sectors of the economy companies which were in most cases somehow delegated into state ownership even by nationalization or other ways of state control. Which are these sectors? Why were those especially important? Can we see any earlier examples for the wish of the state to take over the control and to manipulate the production of these companies? If yes, how?

These economic policy steps were interpreted widely in the certain countries. Pros and contras came from different parties, important politicians or leaders. Can we see any difference in these expressions? Were these facts used in the daily political competitions and if yes, how?

My aim is to give a short introduction into this issue and prove that not only in the etymologically meaning there is a difference between the Eastern and the Western process of the nationalization.