FDI AS MEASUREMENTS FOR THE INTEGRATION INTO THE WORLD ECONOMY: COMPARING MEXICO (NEOLIBERAL POLITICAL ECONOMY) AND MALAYSIA (NEOMERCANTILIST POLITICAL ECONOMY), 1982-2000

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ABSTRACT

This paper assesses the impacts of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) to neomercantilist Malaysia and neoliberal Mexico within the framework of a liberalized and globalized world economy. It examines the revolution of these two political economies from 1982-2000, particularly their major government to attract FDI. The key finding here is FDI as an agent of globalization, which has driven Mexico to adopt liberalism and Malaysia to harden its neomercantilism. The study surveys the similarities and differences of the outcomes of FDI to these political economies and their response to economy crises. In conclusion, FDI is a measurement for a country to integrate into world economy only for certain countries and states still a unitary power in determining where they go. A country will adjust her government policies to fulfill the demands of globalization, but at the same time will also preserve the interests of certain individuals and groups.
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