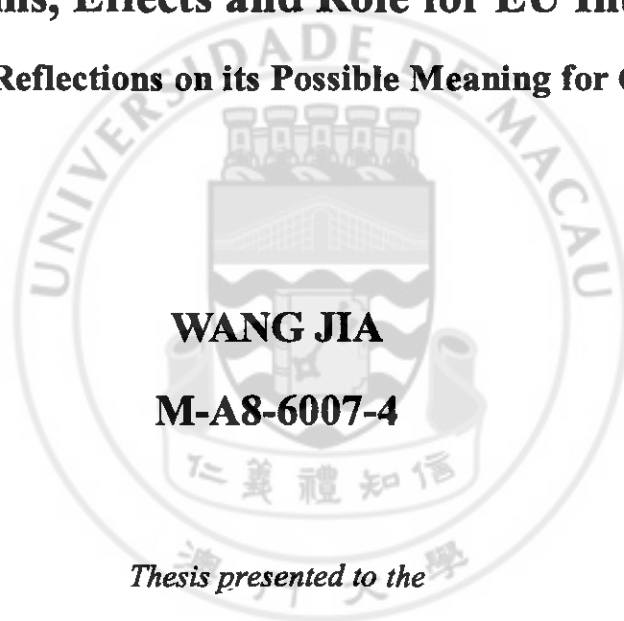


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Abstract

Regional convergence and balanced economic development between different regions within an integrated organization is a core to consolidate its integration procedure. Nowadays, EU is the most developed integration organization with the divergence between regions in the field of economy and society, even in politic. The policy-makers of EU had long acquainted the influence of divergence on the procedure of integration. Accordingly, the regional policy is assigned to solve the economic and social problems of regional divergence. Regional policy of EU is becoming a comprehensive and systematical solution since 1972. In this thesis, the author will analyze regional policy of EU, including the reforms, selective mechanism, budget-arrangement and effects so as to discuss if regional policy is effective in reducing disparities in EU and which role it plays in EU integration, specially in economic integration. Since the end of 1970s, China began to practice an in-equilibrium strategy which brought both rapid economic development of some rich regions and huge disparities between rich and poor regions. The divergence between regions in china is doomed to intensify unless an effective regional policy is arranged deliberately by Chinese government. Comparing with regional policies and regional problems in EU and China, the author also aims to discuss in which way the regional policy of EU is in some respects a good reference case for China.

This thesis is divided into 5 main chapters. The first part introduces research idea and brief information of regional policy. In chapter 2, it discusses the fundamental issues of the EU regional policy and its reform and development. In chapter 3, it discusses the selective mechanism of regional policy. In chapter 4, it analyses the effect of regional policy on EU and member states and its role for EU integration. Chapter 5 introduces the regional problems of China and the evaluation of Chinese regional strategy. In the end of chapter 5, the author gives some proposals for a possible regional policy according to China's circumstances.

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