

The Effects of Globalization On Economic Development of Islamic Countries Metropolitans with the Emphasis on Istanbul and Tehran Metropolitans

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Abstract. Space is a reflection of economic and social processes during time. Since the late 1980s, a new wave entitled globalization which has economic and social weight, has affected geographical spaces of countries, especially metropolitan areas. Some Islamic countries in regard to their strategic geographical position regarding energy supply and goods transit position has had developed relationship with capitalist countries. Metropolitans in developing countries which include Islamic countries as main canters of development have important place in globalization process and social-economic evolution of countries. The result of globalization had been facilitation of transportation and movement of foreign capital, relation and information technologies, increase in the volume of foreign trade and increase in movement of human force to new geographical regions in developing countries including metropolitans. The aim of this paper is the investigation of economic effects of globalization on Islamic countries metropolitans. To fulfil this aim, four metropolitans namely, Istanbul in Turkey; and Tehran in Iran has been selected and according to information and data of internal and global organization, economic indices of globalization such as the volume of foreign trade, the rate of foreign investment, the numbers of foreign tourists and etc in these two metropolitans during the years after 2000 AD. has been considered. The results show that among studied metropolitans except Tehran, other metropolitans, i.e. Istanbul, have desirable place in economic indices of globalization. Policies and actions of governments and urban management of these metropolitans in the face of globalization phenomenon and the use of globalization opportunities have had better results. This paper has organized in 4 sections. After introduction, in the second section theoretical principals of globalization and global cities have been presented. In the third section, the effects of globalization processes on economic indices in selected metropolitans have been considered. Finally, in the fourth section, conclusion and desirable approaches for role-playing of metropolitan regions of Islamic countries in the process of globalization of economy has been present.

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