**Potential of economy socialisation in the context of globalisation**

**Abstract.** Development of the world economy bears numerous negative phenomena, and require constant need to rebalance socioeconomic interests of nations, transnational subjects, and individuals. Socialisation is an important and effective tool for balancing social and individual; however, despite socialisation is evolving rapidly, its scientific and practical potential is not duly uncovered. In the article theoretical and methodological foundations of socialisation of economy is surveyed in the context of globalisation, and etymology, explanations, scope, historical phases of development, theoretical aspects and practical forms of use, consequences and prospects are analysed.

The term «socialisation» was determined as a multidisciplinary, used in many scientific fields, increasingly involving various areas of research and is understood as inclusion, adaptation and development of human being in society. It was determined that the economy socialisation is implemented in different fields and semantic structures, contains a large number of methodological tools, is involved at all management levels, and is primarily identified with the increasing role of social component in the life of human resources. The assumptions were made about the future transformation of this category in line with the identified predictive trends.

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1. Introduction

Despite the fact that the world economy is accompanied by many negative phenomena: considerable inequalities in personal incomes, imbalance of opportunities of personal fulfillment, economic crisis etc. While the global trend sees states losing their status as the main subject in the world economic system, as transnational companies and regional mega-blocks assume greater importance, even in the XXI century sovereign nations still remain the main guarantor of reproduction of human resources and provision of standards of living for people. States perform their main functions for the welfare, protection and support of citizens, and create conditions for implementation of human right for decent living standards. However, in the context of globalisation it is more difficult to achieve the balance of interests between transnational players, countries and individuals. Besides, the modern reality is characterized by non-linearity of development, instability and inequality of various processes that occur within globalisation. In general, the presence of these controversial issues makes the study of the economy socialisation important, because it emerges as a tool for balancing the social and the individual.

2. Brief Literature Review


Despite certain achievements in the study of socialisation, potential for further development of economic socialisation in the global context is still not explored enough. Most studies are focused on specific, narrow aspects of socialisation of individuals, certain groups of population, organisations, regions, etc. International academic tradition, unlike the Ukrainian one, use the term «socialisation» rarely while considering modern aspects of social development and social economy; the socialisation field in the global dimension is not clearly identified, and the prospects for its transformation are not well defined.

3. Purpose of the article is to study theoretical and methodological bases of the economy socialisation in the context of globalisation. For these purposes the following tasks were solved: to explore the essence and rationale of socialisation in society; to trace the historical stages of its development, theoretical aspects and practical forms of economy socialisation in modern society; to specify the application of economy socialisation instruments at different management levels; to identify positive and negative consequences of economy socialisation; to forecast development of economy socialisation in the context of globalisation.

4. Results

According to its etymology, the term «socialisation» is derived from West European terms «socialism» (French «soci- isme»), «socialismus» and «sozial» (French «social», German «Sozialismus» and «social», French «social», German «Socialismus»). In turn, the Latin term «socialis» (public, social, collegial) [24, p. 363].

In modern encyclopaedias «socialisation» is interpreted widely. Socialisation is regarded as: «1) Action – to socialize and to be socialized. 2) Process of assimilation of a certain system of knowledge, norms and values by an individual, allowing it to function as a rightful society member; includes both purposeful influence on the personality (education) and natural, spontaneous processes influencing its formation.» [25, p. 1360].

The term «socialisation» is now used in a wide range of sciences - history, psychology, pedagogy, economics, sociology, political studies, government administration (studies by van Maanen & Schein (1979) [1], Owen (2008) [6], and Desta (2013) [8]), and is often used in other sciences. For example, some scholars consider socialisation in the context of human resources management and labour relations. For instance, Lee, Saks & Ashforth (1988) [3], Ashforth, Saks & Sluss (2007) [4], C. Filitstad (2011) [7] explore how work affects human resource management and the process of human socialisation. Some authors significantly narrow the potential of socialisation, and synthesise interdisciplinary areas of research. For example, Wang & Benner (2016) consider cultural socialisation of teenagers from ethnic minorities [9], and Kourilsky (1981) examines the economic component of socialisation of children depending on financial income [2].

In economics, the «socialisation» category is conside red by academic economists mainly for study of economy subject coping with economic opportunities to fulfil its potential adequately (living conditions, labour relations, socioeconomic life, creation, expression etc.). The wording of this term shall be delicate. For instance, S. V. Mo cherny, while using this category of economic systems, notes that socialisation of economic system is a process of gradual evolutionary filling of subsystems and elements of economic system of capitalism with socialist content, formation and development of foundations of socialism [10]. V. A. Gryshkin considers socialisation as a socio-economic category, which «... is the public attitude to preparation of a person to public activities, and lifting his life to the level of civilization standards» [14, p. 61]. N. M. Deeva determines the potential of socialisation as «... the ability of a state to ensure through public institutions such level of production, distribution, redistribution and consumption of material and spiritual wealth, which would ensure reproduction of labour ability and life of society members at the level of civilization standards both depending on and irrespective of labour contribution and other factors» [15, p. 81].

Exploring these and other explanations of socialisation by scholars, the large scale and long-term process of historical and institutional logic of emergence of preconditions, formation of conceptual content, and transformation of this category in publications of scientists shall be noted; we systematised it in Table 1.

Summarizing the process of introduction of «socialisation» category into science, the emergence of socialisation theory and its involvement in the context of globalisation, we shall note that theoretical aspects and practical terms of economy socialisation are mainly identified with the increasing role of the social component in human resources activity, and increase in capabilities of forming and fulfilment of human potential. They are used to address various situations:

- historical transition of countries to more developed social formations, processes of assimilation of the living conditions and social institutions are changing (e.g., from feudalism to capitalism, from capitalism to socialism, etc.);
- global trends and challenges with respect to social development, which are developed and mutually reinforced with each other (primarily, internationalization, homogenization, integration etc.);
- processes or event producing change of individual, group, or organisational shift in consciousness, conditions, behaviour of individual or society in terms of social systems (which are interconnected with natural, biological, technological, management systems);
- activities, policies, and functions by managing subjects (managers, businesses, local and public authorities, international organisations etc.);
actions, thoughts, communications of individuals for self-development and rational adaptation to the environment (housing, environment, labour relations, law, society, etc.);
• measure of values of socialisation, integrity, solidarity, justice, respect, protection, etc.;
• direction of research, theory, academic discipline to determine theoretical and methodological foundations of economy socialisation.

The role of social component in the human living conditions, and enhancement of capabilities to fulfil human potential is increasing in every economy sector (production, exchange, distribution and consumption) through different means: patterns, hypotheses, laws, functions, methods, principles, measures, mechanisms, institutions, standards, guarantees, legal frameworks, etc. Amid globalisation the economy socialisation is spread across all five management levels of socioeconomic systems (individual level, micro-, meso-, and macro-level, global level) [19]. Multilevel actualisation of socialisation potential is particularly visible in the following sectors:

• individual level (individual, family, individual group environment): increase of personal potential, human socialisation, socially responsible behaviour, self-employment, self-governance, privatization of natural resources, socialisation of youth, gender socialisation, socialisation of orphans, parenting, socialisation of disabled persons and orphans;

• micro-level (nanoeconomy, submicroeconomy, organisation environment, environment of direct exposure of organisation): satisfaction of social needs at the workplace, improved working conditions, environmental policies, relations with labour unions, corporate motivation programs, social responsibility and support, tools socialisation, labour relations socialisation, ownership socialisation, formation of social standards;

• meso-level (mesoenvironment - industries, markets, regions): community control of resources and power, social priorities, information policy of local governments, formation of associative structures and unions, socialisation of markets, socialisation of local budgets, socialisation of regions and territories;

• macro-level (macroenvironment - national economy): socialisation of processes of production, distribution and consumption of wealth, social state programs, state regulation of social relations, state social standards and guarantees, support of education and science;

• global level (subcontinental environment, continental environment, megaenvironment, metaeconomy, cosmosenvironment): international organisations social support, economic assistance from international organisations and global foundations, international treaties, conventions, declarations, minimum standards etc.

In the era of globalisation the most important events linked to the unlocking of the socialisation potential in the economy is ongoing at the macro environment. Socialisation process is following and depends on quantitative and qualitative indexes of the development of human capital of states, as they remain the key institutions to provide living conditions and reproduction for their citizens. For example, if the population size is taken as the main quantitative indicator [27], and the human development conditions are taken as a qualitative indicator [28], we can provide reasonable set of groupings for countries and territories [29] (see Table 2).

By using this approach, we could carry out an adequate comparison of the socioeconomic environment in the countries and its relation to the state of human development. Such systematisation is a key to use of the international experience while approaching regional and national issues, to determine the directions of strategic development, to introduce universal solutions for the socialisation of human resources in any given national economy, and to find optimal forms of international cooperation and integration.

But it shall be noted that under globalisation implementation of the economy socialisation bears positive and negative consequences [20; 14]. The positive consequences of economy socialisation are: improving of lives of people in socialized (economically developed) countries, innovation of economic sphere and social sector of national economies, improvement of public health, reduction of mortality, healthy lifestyle promotion, increase of education level, opportunities for self-development and fulfilment of human potential. The negative outcomes of economy socialisation are: levelling of diversity of human characters, deprivation of dynamism and demands of human efforts and desires,
diffusion of externalities from immigration processes to socially oriented countries, disapproval by population of changes in the social security, aging of population in socialized countries, etc.

Considering the logic of development of economy socialisation under globalisation, we identified five predictive trends. First, globalisation limits the development of economy socialisation due to polarisation of society and concentration of capital, and energizes socialisation by equalising incomes and standards of living of population in all countries and territories, due to complexity and enhancement of social character of production and information of society.

Second, measures for economy socialisation taken in the countries are directly proportional to the state of development of economic environment and will be less dependent on sociocultural, political, legal, religious, natural and other factors.

Third, due to the human factor the economy socialisation potential identified in theoretical developments of scientists and slogans of international organisations (provision with economic opportunity of productive life for all people, providing equitable access to resources and creation of conditions of decent life) will not be implemented fully even in the long term and will require further development of adaptive forms of implementation.

Fourth, key factor which will for a long time slow the development of economy socialisation is the lack of scientifically based and socially acceptable mechanisms for finding a rational correlation between expenses for needs of citizens and responsible for disability of human resources.

Fifth, the scope of scientific, methodological and practical developments in the field of socialisation will be enhanced in sociohumanistic and natural sciences, and will be formed as a separate branch of knowledge or science over time.

5. Conclusions

Based on study of etymology, explanations and scope of «socialisation» in society we claim that this category has gained its conceptual content as inclusion, adaptation and development of human being into society. Considering the historical stages of development, theoretical aspects and practical forms of «economy socialisation», this term lacks single definition; it is used in various fields and semantic structures, contains a large number of methodological tools, is implemented at all management levels, and

Source: Formed by the authors based on [27-28]

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<td>USA, Japan</td>
<td>Germany, France, United Kingdom, Italy, Republic of Korea</td>
<td>Spain, Argentina, Poland, Canada, Saudi Arabia, Australia</td>
<td>Chile, Netherlands, Greece, Belgium, Portugal, Czech Republic</td>
<td>Hungary, Sweden, Austria, United Arab Emirates, Switzerland, Israel, Qatar, Hong Kong, Denmark, Slovakia, Finland, Norway, Singapore, Ireland, New Zealand, Croatia, Kuwait, Lithuania, Latvia, Slovenia, Estonia, Bahrain, Cyprus</td>
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<td>Group II Countries with medium level of human development (HDI from 0.798 to 0.702)</td>
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<td>Colombia, Ukraine, Algeria, Venezuela, Peru, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Romania</td>
<td>Kazakhstan, Ecuador, Cuba, Tunisia, Dominican Republic</td>
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<td>India, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Philippines</td>
<td>Vietnam, Egypt, South Africa</td>
<td>Iraq, Morocco, Uzbekistan, Ghana, Syrian Arab Republic</td>
<td>Guatemala, Cambodia, Zambia, Bolivia</td>
<td>Guyana, Tajikistan, Paraguay, Laos, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, Botswana, State of Palestine, Congo, Moldova, Namibia, Gabon, Timor-Leste</td>
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<td>Pakistan, Nigeria</td>
<td>Ethiopia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Myanmar, Tanzania</td>
<td>Sudan, Kenya, Uganda, Afghanistan, Nepal, Yemen, Mozambique, Madagascar, Côte d’Ivoire, Cameroon</td>
<td>Angola, Burkina Faso, Niger, Mali, Malawi, Senegal, Zimbabwe, Chad, South Sudan, Benin Rwanda, Burundi, Guinea, Haiti</td>
<td>Papua New Guinea, Togo, Sierra Leone, Eritrea, Central African Republic, Liberia, Mauritania, Lesotho, Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Swaziland, Djibouti, Comoros, Solomon Islands</td>
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is mainly identified with the forms and terms of provision of economy subjects with economic opportunities to fulfill their potential adequately. Considering actual examples of fulfillment of «economy socialisation potential», and the fact of existence of positive and negative consequences, we can make assumptions about further transformation of this category in line with global trends. Therefore, a promising direction for further research in this area is the formalization of mechanisms for implementation of positivist socializing measures considering the global context.

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