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This work studies the Anti-MAI front, a coalition of social movements, which opposed Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAI). MAI raised more objections and tensions than any other international agreement of an economic nature at the heart of civil society; by the time of closing the negotiations over 600 social movements around the world had joined the resistance.

The main concepts of the work are the New Social Movements (NSM), global civil society, global politics and subpolitics. Subpolitics, as defined by Ulrich Beck means the shaping of society from below. In this study NSM are seen as subpolitical actors. Global civil society is the context in which the social movements interact. Global politics is perceived through the concept of global arena, which consists of a variety of actors. These actors determine which issues are brought to the global political agenda.

The aim is to present how and why MAI was opposed. It is claimed that MAI became a symbol of economic globalisation. Social movements also presented their own views on how economic globalisation should be regulated. Primary data consists books and articles written by the representatives of the Anti-MAI front.

The study shows that the Anti-MAI front politicised the MAI deal by pointing out the far-reaching effects of the deal. They also pointed out the political implications of economic globalisation. Global civil society should be seen as the counterpart of global economy. It does not question the state sovereignty. The view emphasising the confrontation between the state and the new social movements is questioned. Anti-MAI aimed at safeguarding the state against the effects of global economy. It seems quite evident that the impact of movements on global politics becomes more important in the future.

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