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11. Summary of the new findings of the thesis

This thesis is the first specialized and systematic academic work in Vietnam on Rousseau's political philosophy in terms of its significance for building of the rule of law in Vietnam today.

The thesis analyzed and generalized the conditions and prerequisites for the formation of Rousseau's political philosophy.

The thesis analyzed systematically the main thoughts of Rousseau's political philosophy, especially through texts not only in his works translated into Vietnamese as *The Social Contract*, but also in his other works which have not yet been translated into Vietnamese as *Discourse on Inequality*, *Discourse on the Sciences and the Arts*, *On Political Economy*.

The thesis analyzed and systematized Rousseau's political philosophical thoughts in both respects: (1) indispensable fundamental thoughts for the rule of law as on social inequality, on man and the natural

rights of man, on the general will, sovereignty and social contract; (2) The thoughts on the rule of law as an institution implementing the natural rights of men, including thought on organization and division forms of the state powers and thought on the distribution and control of state powers.

This thesis evaluated some values, limitations and main influences of Rousseau's political philosophy, and analyzed the significance of Rousseau's political philosophy for building the rule of law in Vietnam today on the basis of the historical context and the specific conditions for building of the rule of law as the socialist state of the people, by the people, for the people in Vietnam today.

## 12. Practical applicability

- Reference for undergraduate, graduate students and for interested people in the history of Western philosophy in general, political philosophy and political theory of the French Enlightenment in particular.
- Reference for researchers on the theoretical and practical issues of building the rule of law in the world and Vietnam.
- Reference for policy makers related to building the rule of law, to constitution and laws and to principles of parliamentary, government and judicial institutions in Vietnam.

## 13. Further research directions

- Rousseau's political philosophy and its impact on the contemporary Western political thoughts.
- French Political Thoughts of Enlightenment
- Theoretical background for the praxis of building the rule of law in Vietnam today

## 14. Thesis -related publications

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