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**EXTERNAL SOVEREIGNTY AND INTERNAL JUSTICE
IN THE DOCTRINE OF JEAN BODIN**

The paper presents the Jean Bodin philosophy of the "nation-state" based on a modern concept of sovereignty as a form of state action, which was an innovative concept in the sixteenth century. It is a prerequisite for the successful implementation of the idea of justice perceived in arithmetic, geometric and, the most important, harmonic aspects. On this background, the rationally understood harmony of positive, natural and divine law, which guarantees the achievement of maximum law efficiency, is presented. This bourgeois doctrine of Bodin had a significant influence on the modern legal institutions, preparing Europeans to the constitutionalism of the end of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. The overall interpretation of Bodin's doctrine allows for the establishment of a "harmonic" system ensuring internal and external peace, understood as the highest good in the rational activity of a state.