

Abstrakt (anglicky)

The aim of the work is to introduce the model of consociational democracy created by A. Lijphart, Dutch's political scientist, as one of the possible constructs for establishing and maintaining democracy in the segmented societies. This model is applied to Israel, which for reasons that the work also deals with, can be termed socially segmented. The application of model focuses exclusively on the four characteristics of the consociational democracy, as defined by *Democracy in Plural Societies* (1977). The results of this application are, in the end, compared to the thesis that calls Israel a semi-consociational democracy.