Abstract

This bachelor thesis deals with comparison of two referendums held in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in which British people decided about EEC/EU membership. These referendums were held in years 1975 and 2016. In 1975 people voted to stay in EEC, whereas in 2016 the exact opposite decision was made. The comparative method which is used in this thesis is applicable to analyse selected criteria. These are political background of the referendum, renegotiation of membership terms and the form and the results of the referendum itself. The comparative method is used to reach the goal of the thesis which is to reveal differences and similarities between the two referendums. Several differences explaining the opposite outcomes of the referendums were discovered as a result of the comparison.