Abstract

This bachelor thesis aims to evaluate the influence of the political system and ethnic heterogeneity of Bosnia and Hercegovina on its relationship with the EU. The thesis uses the concept of political conditionality and examines its functioning in the case of Bosnia and Hercegovina. The relevant historical context, as well as the longtime development of relationship with the EU, is analyzed within the thesis. The primary focus is placed on the analyses of the ongoing Stabilisation and association process and EU membership perspective. Given the time perspective, the main emphasis is placed on the period from 2000 to the present. The thesis is a case study. The first goal of the thesis is to assess the influence of political actions of the key political actors of particular constitutive nations on the relation between Bosnia and Hercegovina and the EU. The second one is to assess whether the presented conditions for conditionality functioning are met in Bosnia and Hercegovina. Last but not least, the thesis deals with the individual aspirations of the constitutive nations.