

## **Title in English**

### **A Concept of Psychic System in the Social Systems Theory of Niklas Luhmann**

#### **Annotation**

This thesis focuses in the form of a theoretical treatise on a secondary concept of Niklas Luhmann's social systems theory, a psychic system. Its main goal is to identify this concept in Luhmann's work and present its structured and comprehensive description. The thesis's secondary intention is then to present Luhmann's theory as itself and show an example of it's possible to work with it. In the first part, fundamental elements of the social systems theory are summarised and certain terms which will be used later in the thesis are explained. An analytical part of the thesis compiles mentions about psychic systems from an investigation of Luhmann's work and consequently structures and explains them in the context. In the last part of the thesis, then based on the previous analysis, a knowledge about psychic system is synthesised and psychic system together with social system are defined as meaning-constitutive systems and their similarities and differences are shown. Then, a possible model of a psychic system's internal structure is proposed and a significance of a consciousness for communication and subsequently for social systems is explained. In the conclusion, possible implications and applications for sociology are discussed.

#### **Keywords**

Theoretical thesis, social systems theory, social systems, psychic system, interdisciplinary approach, theory of consciousness, Luhmann.