

Abstract

In this bachelor thesis „The Social Status of Women in the Indonesian Society“ I deal with the social status of women in the Indonesian society with the main focus on Indonesian women’s organisations and movements and their impact on the future of women living in the Indonesian archipelago. The first chapter deals with the historical evolution of women’s social status from prehistoric times to modern times and with the position of women towards men, the second chapter briefly defines feminism, its division into three waves and the female roles development according to the French philosopher Gilles Lipovestky. The third chapter is focused on women’s movements in Indonesia, their origin, development, demonstrations and important Indonesian women and national heroines, who have contributed to many reforms in the area of women’s rights and gender equality. The practical part is divided into two parts, the first part is about field research, which is focused on selected women’s movements and organisations operating in Yogyakarta, which are Feminis Yogya, Rifka Annisa and Indonesia Tanpa Feminis. The task of this field research is to find out what their actions, goals, services, activities and campaigns are. The second part contains a questionnaire survey whose research sample became representatives of Feminis Yogya, a young women at age 21–30. The goal of this questionnaire survey is to obtain information and authentic view of the current social status of girls and women living in Yogyakarta. The conclusion briefly summarizes the whole bachelor thesis and the information obtained during research. The aim of this bachelor thesis is to allow the reader to take a look into the lives of Indonesian women.