

Diploma thesis *Liquidation or Integration? – the Process of Transformation of the National People's Army into the Bundeswehr* deals with the process of integration of the two German armies after the demise of the bipolar system. German unification brought two diametrically diverging social and economic systems and two different armies together. Despite the ideological contrast between the National People's Army (NVA) and the Bundeswehr, the integration of the personnel of the NVA into the Bundeswehr and the extension of Bundeswehr's scope of activities on five new federal countries posed no major problems and contributed to the process of normalization of Germany's

security policy. The way, intensity and velocity with which the German Democratic Republic merged on political and constitutional level with the Federal Republic of Germany became significant factors, which determined the integration of the NVA into the Bundeswehr. The term „Army of the Unity“ („Armee der Einheit“) became the term used generally on Germany’s political and medial scene for description of the united German army. The aim of the thesis is to analyze conditions, scope and legal provisions connected with the merger of both German armies and to answer the question whether the term „Army of Unity“ is justified.