

## **Abstract**

The thesis analyzes the role of natural resources in armed conflicts in Sub-Saharan Africa after 1989. The first part is focused on theoretical background of the issue, namely on definitions, theories and analysis of causes of armed conflicts. Author also defines and classifies conflict resources. The attention is given especially to description of oil, diamonds and coltan. The main part of the paper documents and analyzes influence of natural resources on initiation, geographic distribution, duration and intensity of armed conflicts in Sub-Saharan Africa. The aspect of foreign intervention is examined as well. The thesis investigates impacts of cold war's end and globalization on situation in mentioned region. The author also emphasises the important role of key actors in natural resources wars. In the end, armed conflicts in Nigeria, Angola, Democratic republic of Congo and Sierra Leone are described. The author tries to find main causes and differences among these resources wars.