

## **Abstract: Modern states and genocides: the fate of Turkish Armenians and European Jews**

This thesis focuses on the relationship of the modern state and genocide and examines how the formation of the modern state influences the development of crime of genocide. It also deals with the similarities and differences between the Armenian genocide and the genocide of the Jews. The work has set two goals. Comparison of both genocides, finding their intersection in relation to the modern state. Furthermore, the approach of the international community to the recognition of the Armenian genocide, which is still an important international theme, and the reasons why it is so.

The first part discusses the development of international criminal law, the development of the term genocide and the way of settling the crime of genocide in the legal system. The next chapter focuses on the Armenian genocide. It describes in detail the causes, course and means that have been used to resolve the Armenian issue, including how international society has subsequently dealt with this situation. The following part deals with the basic aspects of the Holocaust in order to explain its course and the reasons for its origin. The Armenian genocide has more space in this part of the work than the Holocaust, as the Holocaust is used here for comparison, not for separate analysis. After a summary of the historical background of both genocides, the work shifts to the theoretical level and deals with the characteristics of the modern state and subsequently with the concept of modern genocide and the ways of its implementation to the legal system. The theoretical knowledge is then applied to the comparison of both genocides. The next part of the thesis analyzes the reasons of the Turkish denial and the current Turkish-Armenian relations. The conclusion is devoted to the acceptance and recognition of the Armenian genocide by the international community. There are described changes in the attitudes of important players in the international field such as the United States of America, Germany or France and the attitude of the European Union. Furthermore, the case of *Perincek v. Switzerland*, which was dealt with by the European Court of Justice, is discussed.

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