

**Abstract (in english):**

This bachelor thesis focuses on the korean shamanic purifying ritual *sikkimgut*, which belongs to the group of rites of passage for the death. The first two chapters describe characteristic features of shamanism and its korean form known as *musok*. The third chapter focuses on the traditional korean funerary rites *sangnye*. Chapter four, which is also the core of this thesis, describes structure of *sikkimgut*, content of individual ritual steps and their symbolic meaning with the biggest emphasis on the motif of cleansing and its display in the ritual.