

Abstract

This bachelor's thesis deals with the political system of the Autonomous Administration of North and East Syria. Even though they are *de facto* autonomous institutions, the Syrian Democratic Council and TEV-DEM, which will also be discussed in this thesis, are generally grouped under the Autonomous Administration. Those institutions together form the political system of the regions located in the northeast of Syria, which since 2012 function independently from the official Syrian government. This thesis will first describe the context, the environment and the basic principles on which this system is based. The main part of this thesis is the description and analysis of the above mentioned institutions, which form this system. This political system is specific in that it does not aspire to be a state-centered model of social order, but often presents itself as an alternative based on the voluntary cooperation of individual communes, districts and regions. The goal of this thesis is to capture the main mechanisms of this unusual political system and to answer the question, whether it truly is a democratic system with a "bottom-up" power structure.