

# Abstract

The diploma thesis „Instruments of protection of human rights in the European union - Perspective for a common EU policy?“ stems from the assumption that the European Union increasingly accentuates the human rights protection, both inside and outside the Community. The main hypothesis is that this process is leading to the creation of a common human rights policy in the EU. The guiding line of the thesis is whether it is possible to find sufficient indicia pointing to a foreseeable creation of such a policy, e.g. will from the side of institutions and other actors. The first part of the thesis examines the definition of human rights in the EU, levels of their protection and human rights provisions of the founding treaties, their revisions and other relevant documents. The second part focuses on the main actors in the system of human rights protection in the EU and evaluation of their activities in this field. The perspective of the common human rights policy is a topic of the third part. It focuses mainly on the analysis of the current state of the human rights protection in the European Union and the will of actors to proceed together in this area. The thesis is predominantly conducted with the empirical-analytical method; further legal analysis and qualitative textual analysis are used. The main approach is based on the international relations perspective.