

Abstract

Diploma thesis „Perspectives of the Cuban Transition to Democracy“ tries to analyze the current situation in Cuba and answer a question if the transition to democracy is possible and if so, in which period of time. It also tries to confirm or disprove two hypotheses set ahead: ‘the transition to democracy is possible but only in a long period of time’ and ‘there will not be any changes during Fidel Castro’s life’. This paper also tries to depict some theoretical models of the transition to democracy, brief history of Cuba which is indispensable for understanding of the current situation in Cuba and the perspectives of the future transition as well. The thesis also comprehensively deals with characterization of the current Cuban regime and its main representatives, analysis of the civil society and the inner opposition in Cuba and also with the international situation and its main actors which are able to influence the current situation in Cuba and its future transition as well. There are also depicted some scenarios and factors of the future transition and briefly described some essential subsequent reforms through the application of some theoretical approaches on the analysis of the particular situation in Cuba.