

Abstract

Diploma thesis „The Transition Towards Democracy and its Problematic Aspects in Geo-Politic Perspective “ deals with the theory of democracy, the transition towards democracy and the political development in specific regions. The aim of this thesis is to summarize both general theoretical concepts about the topic and current studies about illiberal democracies in the 21st century. My thesis starts with the analysis of the meaning of the term liberal democracy as well as the term modern nation state, whereas the emphasis is given on the conditions to be found beyond both. This is followed by the introduction to main transition concepts. Within the logic of my topic it is stressed especially the nature of removed political regime which could be crucial for the outcome of the transition. My diploma thesis deals also with an institutional engineering which is often overlooked but of high importance. The question of hybrid regimes is closely linked to previous topic because it can help us to understand all problematic aspects of transition. Last chapter is dedicated to specific African regimes which are usually hidden in a shadow of interest of political science. I will argue that the very analysis of their nature can prove the importance of functional political institutions as a base for successful transition. My research is supplemented with a set of empirical data to reveal the relationship between suggested theories and examined cases.