Abstract

The aim of bachelor’s thesis Fragmentation of political map of Africa: current separatist movements is to show secessionist conflicts and movements in Africa that have been active after 2011. In the first part of the thesis there are the explanations of the main terms – separatism, secession, self-determination of nations, separatist and secessionist movements, armed non-state actors and conflicts. In the next part there is an overview of secessionist conflicts that have been active at during at least one year since 2011 and movements that have been part of these conflicts and are the secessionist type of armed non-state actors according to Eran Zohar calling for an independent state. This part also aims to find out if there has been a tendency to internationalization of these conflicts. The last part of thesis is composed of case studies of five african secessionist conflicts and movements - Kata Katanga in Democratic republic of Congo, National Movement for the Liberation of Azawad/Coordination of Movements of Azawad in Mali, Ogaden National Liberation Front and Oromo Liberation Front in Ethiopia and Sudanese People’s Liberation Movement/Army-North in Sudan. There is aim to demonstrate the development of these conflicts and also the roots of the conflict, the particular movement and secessionist tendencies in every region.