

The Master's thesis Spain's Attitude towards Eastern Enlargement of the European Union focuses on the explanation of the final decision of Spain to support the Eastern Enlargement of the European Union. The thesis departs from the theoretical assumptions of rationalism, constructivism and two logics of political and social action: logic of consequences and logic of appropriateness (March, Olsen). The methodological framework of research is provided by an explanatory single case study, a specific method applied is congruence method and as a supplement to knowledge obtained from secondary sources serves discourse analysis. In accord with the theoretical basis of the thesis are developed independent (a) economic interests, b) special identity of the EU to the state of Central and Eastern Europe, c) similar historical experience) and dependent variables (decision of Spain on enlargement). The thesis includes a description of the process of the Eastern enlargement of the EU and Spain's attitudes towards European integration and Eastern enlargement, the theoretical framework and the literature overview. The thesis also includes the empirical analysis of Spain's decision.