

Bachelor thesis “The Debate Concerning Reforms of French Universities (2007-2010)” deals with the debate provoked by protests against the Law relative to liberties and responsibilities of universities (La loi relative aux libertés et responsabilités des universités, LRU) in the second half of 2007 and against the reform of the statute of a part of French academicians (enseignant-chercheurs) in the first half of 2009. Its goal is to find the core of the most discussed polemics. Primary sources of the debate are taken mainly from academic journals *Le Débat*, *Commentaire*, *Esprit*.

French system of higher education is briefly characterized at the beginning of the first chapter. It's followed by a presentation of reforms of French universities and of protests they have provoked. Next five chapters deal with divergent opinions on most discussed topics: Causes of academic protest movement in the summer semester 2008/2009.

Quantitative and qualitative methods of scholars' evaluation. Governance of reformed French universities. The shape of French universities before the reforms and role that universities should play after them. Feasibility of university autonomy in the French system where the ideal of equality is particularly respected and where the state will continue to be the major university investor.