

Diploma thesis „The Development in Federalisation of Belgium in 1999 - 2007“ deals with the further steps in federalisation of Belgium in the given time span. The thesis includes an overview of the emergence of the Belgian state and its conversion from a unitary state into a federal state. The distinction of the political parties in Belgium is an integral part of this thesis as well as an overall explanation of the political system and its subjects. The followed period involves the results of three federal elections (with stress on the Chamber of Deputies), the situation before and after these elections and the government formations. The last chapter sums up the influence of the federalisation of Belgium on the functioning of the state and its parts, including cases such as Brussels or the post-election crisis in year 2007. In the conclusion, the possible alternatives of future development in Belgium are suggested and evaluated based on the gathered information. The thesis follows internal and external actions effecting the federalization, including comparison with the European Union and its influence.