

## **Abstract**

### **German question and Ostpolitik within the years 1963–1966**

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The master thesis *German question and Ostpolitik within the years 1963–1966* is focused on the attitudes of the parliamentary parties in the Federal Republic of Germany – CDU/CSU (Christian Democratic Union and Social Democratic Party of Germany), FDP (Free Democratic Party) and SPD (Social Democrats Party of Germany) – to the policy towards the countries of the Eastern Bloc and with the changes in these attitudes in the period from 1963 to 1966, when the Federal Cabinet of Ludwig Erhard held rule. The main thesis of this study is the premise that in all the parliamentary parties in the Federal Republic of Germany a significant shift in the approach to the German question and Ostpolitik within the years 1963–1966 occurred. This thesis should be verified or refuted by means of a detailed chronological description and analysis of the progress of the issue, followed by the comparative analysis of the attitudes of the parties in view to the policy towards the Soviet Union, the German Democratic Republic and other communist states of Eastern Europe. The policy towards the Eastern Bloc countries is analysed by every single party separately and then, in conclusion a general comparison is carried out. This master thesis is focused not only on the official positions of the Federal Cabinet, but also on the policy of all the parliamentary parties and even their individual members. Furthermore, it shows the process of formation of collective opinions, which are unceasingly in progress and react to changes in the world politics and home affairs.