

Annotation

Diploma thesis „Sects, new religious movements and identity in Russia in the nineties of 20th century in the context of overall societal changes“ deals with the problem of minority religions in Russia after the dissolution of the Soviet Union. Terminological part explains the difference between the termin “sect” and “new religious movement”, introductory historical overview outlines the role of sects in the history of Russia. The hub of the study lays in three large chapters. The first deals with the dynamics of the religious situation in relation to sects in the first half of the 90s, classifies them and names the main representants. The second part deals with concrete manifestations of changes in the middle of the decade, for example the process Yakunin versus Dvorkin or the change of legislation in 1997. The third part seeks answer to the question what was the underlying cause of changes in social and legal position of sects and finds the anspher in the sphere of national identity.