

Bachelor thesis „Benito Mussolini´s Fascist Regime in Italy between the two World Wars: from the Onset when Duce Came to Power to the Consolidation of Italian Fascism“ describes fascist regime from its beginning after World War 1 until Italy's entry into the war in 1940. This period is important not only for Italy itself, their own fascist past is still perceived as a very sensitive topic, but also for the world since Italy became one of the first states where the fascists seized power. The thesis examines the causes and events that have helped the emergence of the fascist movement in Italy, with the emphasis on personality of Benito Mussolini, leader of the movement. This thesis follows his leaving from the Socialist Party, the establishment of the Fascist movement in 1919, becoming prime minister in 1922, taking control of all power in Italy, and suppressing the opposition. The thesis describes the fascist doctrine and the gradual transformation from an authoritarian regime to a totalitarian. It also deals with foreign policy, especially the second half of 1930s, when Italy performed the territorial expansion and became close partner of Nazi Germany.