

Abstract

The main subject of this bachelor thesis is the change of Portugal during the years 1974–1986. In the beginning there was the transition from authoritarian to democratic regime. Major political and economical reforms were started. There was also a change of direction in the foreign policy. Portugal resigned on keeping colonial empire, which had been very expensive, and started to focus on Europe – and especially the European Communities. This thesis examines the influence of political and economical transition on the running integration process and the influence of European Communities on the process of democratization and economical reforms (in Portugal). The last point of the main subject of the thesis is Portugal's entry to the European Communities.

Besides the main subject the thesis describes the political and historical development of Portugal since the first republic, going from authoritarian regime to democratization. Another subject is Portugal's role in European Communities and the support of its citizens toward the EC. At last but not at least there is mentioned the change of European Communities during and after the second south enlargement.