Abstract

The Historical Causes of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict

The following bachelor thesis covers the historical development of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict. The main goal is to analyse the question of the area changes that have occurred in the Caucasus during centuries and also to show the influence of policy of three main empires – Russian, Ottoman and Persian. The text is also trying to outline the ethnic and religious factors and clarify a relation of Christian Armenians and Shi’a Muslim Azeris in the Transcaucasia. The problem of coexistence between Armenian Christians and surrounding Muslim majority – not only Azeris on the east but also Turks and Kurds, is crucial for understanding of situation in the region.