

Abstract

This bachelor thesis analyses the economic development of Hong Kong in the context of its unique position between Britain and China between 1949 and 1978 that means in the time of Maoist anti-Western approach in China. It tries to identify the particular economic bonds between Hong Kong and Britain and then between Hong Kong and China. It binds these linkages with the international political situation of that time. In the end I try to evaluate the influence of the existing bonds with Britain and China on the economic development of the colony. The thesis is divided into four main chapters with partial subchapters.

The first chapter focuses on the development of the international political environment of the period – that means in particular the evolution of the Sino-British relations and the role the issue of Hong Kong played in them. The second chapter describes generally the economic development of the colony and identifies particular factors that determined it. Next two chapters offer a closer look on those factors that had its origin in the existence of the specific economic bonds between Hong Kong and the two mentioned countries. These specific bonds are analysed in the context of their emergence and after that their influence on the general form of the economic development of Hong Kong. In the third chapter the specific bonds between Hong Kong and Britain are examined. The fourth chapter does the same for Hong Kong and China.