

Abstract

Diploma thesis "*The role of regional political parties within the Spanish political scene in the period of 1993-2010*" presents an analysis of the role of Spanish regional political parties, which play within the national political scene since 1993.

The preliminary chapter of this thesis provides a brief description of the contemporary Spanish political system, the regional organization of Spain and the Spanish electoral system, which has considerable influence especially on the party system. I consider this general introduction relevant and important for a better understanding of the whole issue.

The next section is devoted to the Spanish party system, its development, the typology and the main national political parties. Here I come to the conclusion that due to the specific configuration of the electoral system in Spain happens relatively complicated interpenetration of the national party system with the regional party systems.

The final and the most important chapter deals with the regional political parties, which after 1993 came to the Spanish parliament, and especially about those that have influence on the government formation and the government policy. At the beginning of this chapter I define the regional political party, the regionalist and the nationalist political party and I try to explain the differences in these terms. Consequently I bring an overview and a brief description of regional political parties, which after 1993 came to the Spanish parliament and I also speak about their position on the political scene of their home region. I especially focus on the political subjects, which have provided the political support to minority governments. For example, I try to do a comparative analysis of their political objectives at the national level