

The topics of the thesis, “Concepts of Theories of Secession and Their Application on the Case of Independence of South African Homelands and Congolese Katanga”, are the most important theoretical concepts of secession.

The beginning of the first part deals with issues closely related to the secession, e.g. the state and its definitions in the field of political science or constitution of new political units in the system of international law. The main part is focused on the discussion between two dominant schools – Primary Right and Remedial Right theories. This paper primarily proceeds from the classification of the theories of secession by Allen Buchanan. To fully picture the intellectual development of thinking about secession, this paper also includes three modern approaches to the topic.

The second part consists of two case studies, more specifically “Katanga’s Secession from Newly Independent Congo in 1960” and “The Independence of South African Homelands”. The aim of this section is to study the process of secession, but also to evaluate them through the perspective of different theories of secession as they were presented in the first part.