

Abstract

The Bachelor thesis *The Policy of „Splendid isolation“ and the Anglo-German Relations 1890-1904* examines the nature of Anglo-German relations at the turn of the 19th and 20th century. In this period, Britain abandons her policy of „*Splendid isolation*“ and from 1898 to 1901 negotiates an alliance with Germany. However, these negotiations fail and both Powers come into conflict in the Great War, 15 years later. This study aims at the concept of „*Splendid isolation*“ and tries to find factors, which enabled Great Britain to maintain such a policy, as well as reasons which led to its end. In addition, this study analyses key affairs, which influenced mutual relations of both Powers. Particular chapters are arranged according to the time perspective and deal with: the policy of the „*New course*“, Heligoland treaty, the influence of Liberal government in 1892-1895, German attempts of creating Continental alliance, Krüger telegram, German naval programm, *Weltpolitik*, Alliance negotiations and finally Anglo-Japanese treaty in 1902 and Entente cordiale in 1904. This Bachelor thesis is a case study and uses the empirical-analytical approach.