

Abstract

Diploma thesis „*Application of Second order election theory on European election in Visegrad states*“ examines a theory of second-order election and applies it on European elections in the Visegrad states. Since this theory was built on election results in founding states of the EU and this theory was many times proved in western Europe, the main goal is to find out whether the election results of the Visegrad states concur with the theory of second-order election or not. In that case goal of this thesis will be to find out where and why there are differences.

The thesis is divided into three parts. First theoretical part deals with all theories which were tried to explain different outcomes from different types of elections. Second part introduces our hypotheses and methodology by which we examine these hypotheses. Third part analyses the results of elections from selected countries. First four chapters of the third part deal with selected countries separately. Fifth chapter compares our results from the Visegrad states among them and then it compares these results with results from the countries of EU-15.