

Abstract

Diploma thesis „The Green Party of England and Wales as an Opposition Party in British Politics, 1999-2011“ deals with acting of the party in the framework of the British political system in the given period. Using Robert Dahl’s theory of political opposition and a methodological approach of disciplined interpretive study, the thesis seeks to analyse goals of the party as well as strategies used for gaining success. Before that, history of the party and the British political landscape are briefly characterised. The analytical part is divided into several subchapters focused on goals of the party regarding political and socioeconomic structures as well as its electoral and non-electoral strategies. The emphasis is put on means which the GPEW chooses in order to break through onto the national level of governance. „Targeting“ of constituencies is vital in this respect. We also claim that as long as new competencies are transferred to the local and european level of governance, there is a chance for the GPEW to strenghten its political position. However, it remains unclear whether the party can become more attractive to voters as further penetration of postmaterialist values in the British society remains unsure. A relative success of the GPEW in recent years also indicates certain flexibility of the British political system.