Abstract

Even nowadays, while facing social challenges, eliminating different stereotypes and discovering new ways of life style, it is impossible to change the traditional gender thinking within a few years. Quotas should accelerate this process. This work analyses women’s status in political parties which are represented in the German Parliament in 2015: CDU, CSU, SPD, The Greens and Die Linke. In terms of this analysis the work is focusing on quotas within those German political parties – if they exist at all and if so, in which form. Beside that, it also analyses the parties' stances towards to gender politics based on their political programs. Are quotas directly related to women’s representation in politics? Furthermore the work sums the evolution of women’s status in Germany and in its politics. This serves as an introduction into the issue of gender quotas. The goal of this work is to answer the question, whether quotas have a positive influence on women’s representation in German politics.