

Abstract

This Bachelor Thesis deals with role of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom in the devolution process. It examines two important aspects of british political system, the judiciary and devolution. Relation between them has in fact been quite overlooked.

Main purpose is to find out, wheter newly established Supreme Court has contributed on deepening the devolution. At first author briefly describes UK judiciary and tries to explain relatively complicated systém of courts in all of three legal systems, England and Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland. Afterwards, he explains wht devolution issues are and how their judicial review had looked like before 2009. The most important part of this thesis deals with description of recent devolution develepmnet in all areas. Author analyses single court decisions and and explores opinions of court's justices.

By this analysis author finds out that the number of court decisions is still relatively small to prove without doubts its influence. Nevertheless, even those few decisions help us understand the development of Supreme Court judges's opinion.