

The Master's thesis "Consociationalism as a Possible Solution of Conflicts in Segmented Societies: The Case of Lebanon and Northern Ireland" deals with suitability of consociational model in fragmented societies. By means of the comparative studies of Lebanon and Northern Ireland the author considered possibility to apply the system in countries or regions, which experienced long lasting internal conflict or civil war. The conclusion of the essay is that consociational model is a possible solution of conflicts in segmented societies. However the analysis of the peace process in both cases revealed the importance of external factors, which can contribute to the final implementation of the model. The link between collective identities and interests revealed the requirement of sufficient motivation for elite to engage in power sharing and to take the tough decisions conducive to inter-ethnic political accommodation. This pressure should come in the form of coercive external forces. However, it is necessary to consider the dynamics of the system, which is rigid and it will need certain modifications in the future.