

Abstract

Master thesis deals with Finnish presidents as the actors of foreign policy since 1919 and compares them. For this comparison is created the special model in which presidents are classified according to the analysed variables: influence on direction of foreign policy, influence on the key negotiations and presidential powers in foreign policy. Thesis also deals with the question if there is any correlation between a status of president and the situation where president is a member of a different party than a prime minister and a minister of foreign affairs. In the end thesis analyses if presidential powers correspond with his real influence. Special model also shows how much presidents used their presidential powers.