## **Abstract**

The primary concern of this thesis is the question, what risks and costs are associated with using support for insurgent groups as an instrument of state foreign policy. It attempts to connect various contemporary concepts and approaches and presents the concept of risks and costs based on existing literature. It offers examples of possible application of such concept, which simultaneously reveal insufficient theoretical understanding of other aspects of support for insurgent movements. These are inappropriately formulated for their use in the study of impacts of the support for insurgents on the supporting state. In conclusion the thesis offers several areas for future research that would help to address these shortages of contemporary literature.