

## **Abstract**

My bachelor thesis is based on studies of Vamik D. Volkan and his analysis about psychology of conflicts. The studies are applied on chosen traumas of intractable conflict in Karabakh. The bachelor thesis suggests an investigation upon the influence of those traumas on the intensity of conflict and their exploitation for political and national mobilization. According to methodological point of view, Volkans theory of chosen trauma is presented firstly. Afterwards, an detailed analysis of conflict in Karabakh, its main political features and historical development would be shown. Firstly, an emphasis is made on those events, which represent elements of Volkan theory on chosen trauma. The investigation compares chosen traumas of Armenians and Azerbaijanis and their influence on modern policy upon the conflict in Karabakh. The goal of this project is to show that media and press makes an emphasis on Genocide as a chosen trauma of Armenians, while the traumas of Azerbaijanis are mostly ignored, however, it's impossible to deny their existence. Furthermore, chosen traumas of both countries would be compared and contrasted. To sum up, the exploitation of chosen traumas by politicians would be analyzed between the years 1988-1994 to show their role for mobilization.