

## **Abstract**

Diploma thesis „The Theory of Consociational Democracy and the Development of the Northern Ireland’s Conflict“ examines the ongoing conflict in Northern Ireland and also the possibility to apply this theory in this particular case.

The principal objective of research is to analyze the long-standing conflict and explore the possibility to apply one of the most famous political science’s theories, the author of which is Dutch political scientist A. Lijphart, currently on situation in Northern Ireland. This conflict lasting for many decades culminated in the 60s of the last century accompanied by violent and bloody clashes between opposing groups. Actors led by British government tried to solve this situation through the introduction the principle of power-sharing. This research offers an analyses of this conflict and also his changes in time, but also different actors and transformation of their attitudes, which were the reason of the movement from violent and armed conflict to the peaceful solution. This research offers not only an analyses of the conflict of itself but what more an analyses of the peace process, in which shows if the conflict resolution in Northern Ireland has had elements of consociational. One more objective of the diploma thesis is make a statement, if there is any possibility to apply the consociational resolution in Northern Ireland’s conflict and why is this model better in compare with majority model.