

Diploma thesis „Integration and Occurrence of Expellees in Hessen Politics in the 1950s” deals with the process of integration of post-war expellees in the political sphere and with their incidence in the politics of Hessen in the 1950s. The first part of the thesis analyses the expellees' situation after their arrival to Hessen and the origins of their political integration in form of expellee syndicates, compatriot groups and their first organizations on the political party base. The thesis focuses then on the role and incidence of expellees in Hessen politics in the 1950s with emphasis on Hessen's Bund der Heimatvertriebenen und Entrechteten (All-German Bloc/League of Expellees and Deprived of Rights, BHE) and the political representation of the expellees in the Hessen parliament. On the example of selected parliamentary debates will be shown the attitudes of specific political parties towards the issues which directly influenced the expellees' situation in Hessen.