

Abstract

This Bachelor Thesis deals with the immigration policy and integration of immigrants in Norway. The main aim is to compare Norwegian approach with the other two Scandinavian countries, Denmark and Sweden. In the context it describes as well what reason the migrants have to settle down in Norway and the author also supports these reasons with the theoretical approaches explaining migration. The other important thing is how open Norwegian society is in the sense of immigration since at least partially open society is important to the migrants if they are supposed to integrate successfully in the country. While comparing the Scandinavian region the author comes to a conclusion that Norway indeed does stand somewhere in the middle between relatively restrictive Denmark and on the other hand quite liberal Sweden, at least in some of the aspects. The author relies to a large extent on statistical methods and the data from Swedish, Danish and Norwegian statistical offices. The comparison of Scandinavian countries is however also carried out on qualitative basis as immigration policies are compared with special emphasis on the process of naturalization that can very well demonstrate Norwegian position “in the middle”.