

## **Abstract**

The objective of this Master's thesis is to analyse the term of „rule of law“ and its Chinese variations (*fazhi* 法治, *fazhi* 法制, *yifazhiguo* 依法治国) since establishment of the People's Republic of China until present, with the emphasis on contemporary understanding of the concept, affected by political environment. The concept of the rule of law is presented throughout analysis of collected works of influential political leaders, namely Mao Zedong, Deng Xiaoping, Jiang Zemin and Xi Jinping, reflected in official documents crucial to the legal system, such as the Constitution. Each historical period represents a different stance on the conception of rule of law and position of legal system, which results in analysis of current situation with a prospective future attitude to this issue.

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