

Abstract

The bachelor's thesis „Valéry Giscard d'Estaing and Great Britain“ deals with the French-British bilateral relations during the period 1974-1981 when VGE held the post of the French President. At that time the cooperation between Paris and London gained the new dimension because of the admission of the United Kingdom to the European Economic Community in 1973. Afterwards the bilateral relations became closer than during previous decades which could be illustrated by the implementation of annual bilateral summits since 1976. In the context of the French-British bilateral cooperation the paper focuses on the personality of VGE and answers the question if VGE's family environment and traditions were positive about the Anglo-Saxon states or not and if his family background could have influenced his attitude to the UK during his *septennat*. Consequently, the study applies the biography method. The first part of the bachelor's thesis analyses the French-British bilateral relations in 1958-1981 putting emphasis on personal preferences of French Presidents. The second chapter deals with VGE's family background and examines its influence on his attitude to Great Britain. The third part studies relations between VGE and British Prime Ministers and analyses if this personal level intensified the good stance of VGE and afterwards the French foreign policy toward the UK during the *septennat*. The paper attained the conclusion VGE's family background perceived the Anglo-Saxon states positively, which also shaped the attitude of the future French President, and that the forthcoming stance of VGE towards Great Britain represented one of the key causes of the good bilateral relations in 1974-1981.