Abstract:

In this thesis, my task is the analysis of Margaret Thatcher’s relations to the trade union movement in the United Kingdom. The thesis includes the analysis of the overall development of the Conservative Party politician and of the development of unions. It also includes a basic analysis of conflicts with unions during the government of Thatcher. Nevertheless Thatcher personally intervened only exceptionally to problems of individual state enterprises. The thesis analyses the legislation aimed against trade unions and other measures that limited the power of the trade union movement. In a separate chapter I deal miners’ strike. This strike in its scope and course surpassed all others. Finally, the thesis analyses the economic policy of Margaret Thatcher and its impact on the British economy.