

Abstract

The bachelor thesis „*South China Sea: Issues of Chinese U-shaped line*“ focuses on a Chinese line called the U-shaped line in the South China Sea. The main task of this thesis is to present the differences in understanding of legal issues between the Chinese academics and their foreign colleagues regarding the U-shaped line, the claims of each state in the South China Sea and their distinction from Chinese claims and the consistency of the U-shaped line with international law. For a comprehensive understanding of the presented issues the first part of work concentrates on historical development of this line and the significance of the South China Sea. Legal concepts and treaties relating to the conflict are explained as well. It involves international law, international maritime law, Note verbale, Declaration on the South China Sea, Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia, Island of Palmas case and International Court of Justice. The stress is put on the legal aspects and development of this line.