Abstract

Future development of the Russian Federation is one of the main topics of international relations and geopolitics. Development trajectory of such an important geostrategic actor affects dynamics of international system. Today, because of its structural problems, the „Russian Bear“ is situated over the imaginary abyss. The main goal of this thesis is therefore to predict Russia’s future development by key drivers from demographic and economic theories. An important part of the text is a specification of broad implications of this development for the future of the European Union and international system. The first chapter of the thesis is to introduce principles for building scenarios to a reader. Theoretical chapters number two and three describe the influence of specific key drivers upon the country’s development. Chapter number four defines the contemporary stage of Russia and also reveals its current structural problems. Key chapter, the fifth one, offers six possible scenarios of Russia’s future development. Final implications in the sixth chapter propose that negative development of Russia can lead to desintegration of the EU, while positive development makes international system less secure.