

Abstract

This diploma thesis titled "Developments of the Foreign Policy of FRG in Relation to the Palestinian Question 1967-1974" aims to bring closer look at the dynamics of development of the foreign policy of the Federal Republic of Germany in the time when the Palestinian question began to resonate with international community. This empirical study, inspired in its' structure by the Two-Level Game concept by Robert D. Putnam, examines the effects that the Bonn Republic had to deal with in the context of today's unresolved and often polarizing issues and identify factors that were decisive for shaping of the policy. The thesis operates with hypothesis that the pro-Palestinian speech of the representative of West Germany at the United Nations in 1974 was the natural outcome of the transformation that foreign policy has undergone in the years leading to it. After the historical part, which describes the relationship between Germany and the South Levant region until 1945, the second and third chapters deal with the external and internal influences that influenced the FRG in the chosen period. Among the strongest international influences were the US, Israel, Arab states and multilateral actors such as the UN and the European Community. On the national level, in addition to political parties, public opinion, and economic interests, the events associated with the Revolutionary Year of 1968, the student movement, terrorist attacks by Palestinian groups fighting for liberation and the voices of East European expellees also shaped Germany's attitude. The final part of the thesis is then reconstructing the West German policy itself.