

## **Abstract**

This thesis is a comparative case study of two successor communist parties of the League of Communists of Yugoslavia, Social democratic party of Croatia (*Socijaldemokratska partija Hrvatske* – SDP) and Socialist party of Serbia (*Socijalistička partija Srbije* – SPS) between years 2000 and 2016. In the beginning we define ideal types of social democracy that are: old left, new left and third way. While the old left is based mainly on keynesian approaches to economy, new left is focused mainly on post-materialistic values such as environmentalism, gender equality, pacifism etc. Third way is an attempt of synthesis of former two types with neoliberal economic approach.

First part of the analysis is a short introduction to historical contexts in the analysed period. Then we analyse program documents, speeches and interviews of leaders of both parties, so we can classify them according to above mentioned types of social democracy. In the end we analyse the practically applied politics in periods when the parties were taking part on the national governments.

Finally we summarize the results of the thesis as follows: In the beginning of the analysed period SPS can be classified as mostly old left both in economical and post-materialistic views. The SPS has gone through much larger change in its programmatic views, so in the end of the analysed period we can see, that it is comparable to SDP in both economic and post-materialistic areas. When we look at the practical politics, we could say that it is even closer to third way than SDP. In the post-materialistic questions both parties have intensified their approaches to environmentalism, women rights protection, gender equality and pacifism, but SDP is closer to the new left approach. SPS is still not open to discussion in questions of LGBT rights.