

Abstract (in English):

This bachelor thesis has the ambition to clarify the development of British colonial politics in the period of the Conservative Cabinet led by Harold Macmillan. The time span is determined from the Suez Crisis (1956) to the defeat of the Conservatives in the 1964 election. The work notes above all the changes of the British position towards the colonies in this time-bound period. The work is divided into several parts. The first part briefly describes the development of the British Empire since the Second World War into the Suez Crisis. The second part will focus on the Suez Crisis itself, which is seen as an important political milestone in British global politics, and the final third will focus on the Macmillan Cabinet itself. In this third part, it will focus more on individual policymakers, planning decolonization, and eventually on an international context characterized by the Global Cold War.