

Diploma thesis „The effect of mode of transition to democracy on the form of the institutional systems in the selected post-communist countries “analyze the effect of factors, which determine the selection of political and electoral systems during the process of transition to democracy in the set of five post-communist countries in the Central and Easter Europe – Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Lithuania and Romania. The theoretical part of the thesis is based both of the theories of transition by Samuel Huntigtona, Terry Lynn Karl and Philippe C. Schmitter, Adam Przeworski and also the theoretical approaches on the factors which determine formation of new institutional system in the new democracies by Robert Elgie, Jan Zielonka, Arend Lijphart, Klaus von Beyme, Jon Elster, Claus Offe, Herbert Kitschelt, Kenneth Benoit and John T.Ishiyama. The thesis tries to evaluate which factors like mode of transition, historical tradition, foreign inspiration and the interests of actors influence most the formation of new institutional frame in each of the five selected countries and tries to make general conclusion.