

The thesis „Populist and Extreme Right in Contemporary Austria“ deals with the two political parties in Austria – FPÖ (Freiheitliche Partei Österreichs) and BZÖ (Bündnis Zukunft Österreich) during the time period from 2005 to 2011. The thesis aims to globally introduce contemporary far-right parties with regard to economic, historical, political and ideological causes of their support. The objective of the thesis is also analysis of far-right parties in reference to all-Austrian and regional dimension. This lower dimension is introduced by nine Austrian states (Bundesländer). The thesis also examines influence of electoral and party system on FPÖ and BZÖ. Regarding electoral system and its results (examples include National Council elections in 2006 and 2008 and Landtag elections in years 2008-2010) the thesis analyzes, whether the electoral parameters can affect support and representation of far-right parties. Another objective is classification of these parties and their relation to far-right terms – extremism, populism, neo-Fascism and neo-Nazism. On the basis of examined pieces of knowledge the thesis attempts to sketch the presumptive trends of far-right parties in the following years.