

## **Abstract**

This thesis deals with the Vietnamese occupation of Cambodia in 1979 - 1989. The main concentration, however, is focused on the causes of the conflict. In addition to the immediate causes like the aggressive and unpredictable policies of the Khmer Rouge and the border disputes between Cambodia and Vietnam this study searches the deeper causes of conflict. They are found in the significant cultural differences between Khmer and Vietnamese, as well as historical resentments. The course and consequences of the occupation are analyzed in the joint chapter. This consecution emphasizes interdependence of course and consequences and achieves the greatest understanding of the analyzed issues. Thesis as a whole is aimed at the motives, goals, interests and attitude of Khmer and Vietnamese. Influence of international relations, however, is also dealt with. Up to this day, Vietnamese occupation of Cambodia in the years 1979 - 1989 has a significant influence on relationship between Vietnam and Cambodia. Therefore, this issue still needs to be dealt with by scholars and historians.

This thesis is based on secondary literature and several primary sources; in particular, the works of American, Australian and Vietnamese scholars. Used sources are particularly memoirs and sources of official provenance.