

Abstract

The bachelor thesis *Democracy and Islam* explores the compatibility of democracy and political Islam in its current and historical context. The main object of the study is to identify crucial principles, which are shared by both, democracy and Islam and also on the contrary, identify main principles of these two systems which exclude one another. The variables, which I examine in order to compare democracy and Islam, are following: political systems in democratic and Islam countries, which includes electoral system, sources of political authority, attitude toward the political opposition etc. Other elements that need to be examined are sources of law and compatibility of Islamic law Shari'a with the basic principles of human rights. Human rights are other important article that describes relationship between democracy and Islam. The comparison of theoretical Islam and democracy creates a first part of the study. The second part is dedicated to the implementing of democracy into the Islamic system in praxis. The first case shows Turkey's approach to the democracy, advantages and traps that transfer to the democracy can bring. Democratization of Turkey is then compared to Iran and its historical development toward the democracy. The two cases also show the difference between ideal, theoretical Islam and its variable form in practice. Conclusion that this study brings shows the main issues that stand between democracy and Islam in the modern world and also draws possible approaches that should be use for the future cooperation or even implementing of democracy into the Islamic world.