

Abstract

This thesis is called: Status of Swedish Minority in Finland and it aims to chart relations between Swedish-speaking and Finnish-speaking Finns. The thesis is divided into three main parts. The first one is focused on the influence of Sweden, later Swedish-Finns, on the history of Finland, on its culture, language growth and finding key circumstances, which have influenced the escalation of language conflicts. The second part is devoted to the juristic concept. The last part is focused on the economical and political status, mainly on subjects, for which the language question is the primary topic. The basic question of the thesis is: How has the position of the Swedish minority changed? The thesis also verifies the following hypothesis: Escalation of conflicts is based on Swedish tendencies of centralization of power; the political and juristic status of the Swedish minority weakens because of the decreasing number of Swedish-speaking citizens.