

Abstract

The Bachelor's thesis, „Sunningdale Agreement: Consociationalism as a solution of conflict in Northern Ireland and its failure“ examines the possibilities of using consociational model to solve the conflict in Northern Ireland in the 1970s. British government tried to solve long-lasting conflict among Catholics and Protestants by imposing the power-sharing government. The thesis examines how the conditions of consociational model defined by Arend Lijphart were fulfilled in Northern Ireland and if there was an opportunity to solve the conflict with the model. Moreover, the thesis analyses to what extent the failure was caused by consociational model itself.

The result is that conditions for consociational model are not favorable in Northern Ireland, but this does not necessarily mean failure. More important was the lack of the key element of consociationalism, which is the belief that the system should be preserved shared among the elites.