

Abstract

The bachelor thesis „*Invasion of Iraq – just war?*“ explores the just war theory, mainly *jus ad bellum* criteria which are applied on the case of invasion of Iraq, a war which took place in 2003, in the second part of the thesis. It examines a development of the theory through the history and the main thinkers of the theory from ancient times to the present day. Subsequently, the text explores the theoretical framework of *jus ad bellum* in detail. Its criteria are: just cause, competent authority, right intention, reasonable hope of success, proportionality and war as a last resort. The main aim of the thesis is to analyse justifiability of the invasion of 2003, but in order to understand the context of the invasion the history of Iraq since 1979 with special regard to the Iraqi weapon program and to the reaction of the international community to this program is examined first. Afterwards, the *jus ad bellum* criteria are applied to the invasion. While these criteria being examined, the public statements of the political leaders of the United States, and information and facts which were available to those leaders or to the intelligence agencies of the coalition states at that time, are taken into consideration.