

Abstract: In this thesis I primarily studied the influence of foreign policy on the development of relations between Japanese political parties and the military in the interwar period. I studied the way in which political parties and military affected each other and which factors influenced the distribution of power on Japanese political scene. Furthermore I tried to show how these relations contributed to the rise of power of political parties and to their subsequent downfall, and how they affected the militarization of Japanese state and it's consequent course towards World War II. Therefore I focused the thesis on 1921 – 1936 period, in which the key events that formed the shape of Japanese state, at least until the end of World War II, took place.