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Bachelor thesis *The Balfour Declaration and the McMahon Letters. Great Britain and the Near East during the Great War* analyses the promises of the United Kingdom to Arabs and Jews from the First World War contained in the McMahon Letters and in the Balfour Declaration relating in particular to the territory of the Middle East. It focuses on the circumstances of the formation of these documents, both on the contemporary conditions and the objectives to be achieved by them. It also deals with the wording of these documents and the contents of the British promises, while questioning whether it would be possible to realize them simultaneously or they were excluding each other. The opening chapter presents the situation of the Ottoman Empire, Arab nationalism, Zionism, and the empire of the United Kingdom until the beginning of the First World War. The second chapter explains the British interest that influenced the formulation of these documents. The third chapter discusses the emergence of the McMahon Letters and the Balfour Declaration and examine their contents.