

The bachelor's thesis analyzes French foreign policy towards Maghreb region during the Fifth Republic, with a special focus on the period of Sarkozy's presidency (2007-2012), and on the impact of the Arab Spring. The work further examines traditional aims and instruments of this policy, most importantly with regard to Libya and Tunisia. The main objective is to point out the changes under Sarkozy's presidency, and to verify whether the "rupture" with the previous strategies, promised by Sarkozy in his presidential campaign, really occurred, focusing mainly on the issues of human rights.