

Abstract

Bachelor thesis *Vladimir Putin's path to power* focuses on analysis of the development of his career. I have chosen to approach it by case study method. It chronologically describes the development of Putin's career, dated from the moment he joined the KGB structure back in 1975 up till his victory in Russian Federation presidential elections in March 2000. Part of my thesis is an introduction of his political contribution in years 1996-2000. These years gained him more popularity and therefore he became massively influential throughout these 4 years. However, it mostly focuses on infra-political machinations of Boris Yeltsin and his people towards Putin. My thesis also sums up the basic facts and specifics of high Russian politics in this era, in order to make the whole issue more understandable. I managed to set and describe main breaking points of Putin's political career. His presence and Saint Petersburg City Administration is to be remembered at first place, as much as his time as a director of Federal Security Services. This thesis also declares Putin's chances to take over the presidential office after Boris Yeltsin.