

ABSTRACT

This bachelor thesis analyses the establishment of the Kingdom of Prussia in the context of international relations. The thesis follows the development of both the Electorate of Brandenburg and the House of Hohenzollern before the reign of Frederick III, coming to the conclusion that it was foremost his predecessor, Frederick William I – the Great Elector – who stimulated the rise of the country. With help from Emperor Leopold I, Frederick completed his father's work when he, by means of skilful negotiation, succeeded in establishing an independent Prussian kingdom.