

## **Abstract**

This bachelor thesis called "The means of protection of democratic principles of the union: The case study of the Austrian crisis" concentrates on the development of protection of democratic principles in the European Union and maps their development since the emergence of the European Community until the recent scruple of the Polish governments' behavior towards the constitutional tribunal and towards media. This bachelor thesis consists of four parts. The first one deals with the historical development of the protection of democratic principles up until 2000, when a coalition of ÖVP and the FPÖ. The second part is concerned with the reasons for the emergence of the Austrian crisis and its course. The third part is dedicated to the reflection of the Austrian crisis as done by the European Union, which reacted with structural changes which are to stop such cases in the future. The last part considers controversial proceeding of the Polish government of Beata Szydło and deals with the implementation of the structural changes introduced during the Austrian crisis.

One of the main contributions of this work is a comprehensive outlook on the protection of the European Union's democratic principles and on its progress in time. Another contribution shall be the topicality of the thesis, since there has been a steady and considerable growth of sympathies towards extremists' parties recently. Therefore, more frequent interventions by the EU can be expected.