

Abstract

The Bachelor thesis the Role of small states in the Persian Gulf with special emphasis on a client-patron relationship is divided into three parts, whose aim is to show the development of the position of so called small states in the Persian Gulf region in their modern history. The first part deals with the theoretical background of international relations, which is important part of their research. This section explores the most important characteristics of theories of constructivism, neo-realism and theory of regional security complex and also attributes of some important concepts like relationship between patron and client or the way of alliance formation. The second part is devoted to the most important moments of 1980s and first half of 1990s in the Persian Gulf region, which affected development of this region. The third part puts emphasis on some important moments in last 20 years, which gave direction to the development of one of the small states of Persian Gulf - Qatar. The main axis of the second and third part is foremost partnership of these small states with the United States of America, which are in the position of patron. The end of theoretical part is supplemented by a table that contains the basic assumptions for behaviour of small states and the validity of these assumptions in the case of Qatar is evaluated in the summary of the thesis.