## Abstract

The EU Court of Justice is the judicial body of the Union, which gives judgments in a wide variety of proceedings and thus fulfills the role of a constitutional, supreme and administrative court. It contributed to the evolution of Union law significantly. The main aim of this thesis is to map the characteristics and effects of the EU Court of Justice judgments towards parties to the case and third parties. Therefore the functioning of precedential effects of CJEU judgments, its temporal effects, force of res judicata of judgments and its enforceability is analyzed in the thesis. These characteristics and effects are put into broader context also with regard to the position and mission of the EU Court of Justice in the institutional structure of the Union.