

Abstrakt (anglicky):

This bachelor thesis deals with the succession of North Korean leaders Kim Jongil and Kim Jongun in historical perspective. The theoretical part explains the concept of totalitarianism, which is then applied to the North Korean regime according to the selected theory, and succession in totalitarian states, with focus on selected states with similar succession elements as are seen in DPRK. The analytical part of the thesis is devoted to the succession of the North Korean leaders. The circumstances of succession, the reasons for the choice of the successor, as well as the consolidation of power of the leaders with focus on the early years of rule are compared using a comparative method.