

## **Abstract**

The bachelor thesis titled "The Impact of the Murder of Alexander Litvinenko on British Policy towards Russia" deals with the issue of British policy towards Russia in response to the murder of Alexander Litvinenko, which significantly cooled bilateral relations. The thesis focuses on the analysis of the security and diplomatic actions of the British government and their connection with economic strategies, which is interpreted through the theoretical framework of the thesis – the theory of Canadian political scientist Kalevi Holsti. Holsti's theory, which discusses the interaction of states' security and economic measures in the face of external threats, provides a guide to understanding the shape of the British response. To illuminate the context, an overview of the British policy towards Russia prior to the event is provided, as well as a detailed account of the life and tragic death of Alexander Litvinenko. The period of around one and a half year after the murder is examined to avoid the influence of other events on British policy. Based on the secondary literature studied and the primary sources available, the outcome of this thesis is an analysis of the British government's policy towards Russia in the wake of the incident and an assessment of the unevenness of the response across different dimensions of foreign policy considering Kalevi Holsti's theory of state behavior in the face of external threats.