

# **International Dispute Settlement – selected aspects**

## **Abstract**

This diploma thesis deals with selected aspects of the international dispute settlement not only in current international public law but also in its history.

The thesis is divided into five chapters which are also further divided into a number of subchapters depending on the complexity of each topic.

The first chapter is dedicated to the definition of international dispute. Apart from that the chapter also deals with the obligation of states to settle their disputes and to settle them by peaceful means.

The historical background of the international dispute settlement is described in the second chapter. Important events such as Hague Peace Conferences, founding of the League of Nations, the Briand-Kellog Pact and founding of the United Nations among others are all mentioned in this chapter because of their impact on the course of this field of international relations.

The third chapter focuses on the analysis of the principle of the peaceful settlement of disputes and its link to other related principles of international law.

The fourth chapter is dedicated to individual means of peaceful settlement. Every method is described individually, with a brief historical background, comparison to other methods and analysis of the application on specific cases.

The last chapter is focused on the selected method, which in this case is mediation. The chapter is divided into subchapters dedicated to different methods of mediation or to the role of the mediator. A separate subchapter is dedicated to the analysis of the Beagle Channel case, a dispute between Argentina and Chile which was mediated by Cardinal Samoré appointed by the Pope.

The aim of this thesis is a general analysis of each of the means of peaceful settlement, their comparison as well as analysis of the selected method, mediation, and evaluation the use of this method in the conflict between Argentina and Chile.

**Key words: international dispute, principle of peaceful settlement of disputes, mediation.**