

Abstract

The thesis deals with theory of deliberative democracy in classic conception by Jürgen Habermas, German political philosopher and leading representative of deliberative democracy. First part of the thesis describes the origin, historical development and theoretical framework of mentioned theory - its principles, characteristics and components. It explains how the principles of deliberation work, which is considered as a key element of deliberative democracy. Second part of thesis tries to describe the attitude of Chantal Mouffe, Belgian political scientist and representative of radical democracy, towards deliberative democracy. It describes her criticism against the lack of pluralism, antagonism and agonism in deliberative democracy. This thesis is trying to specify these shortages in some of the chapters and subsections. Thesis's Conclusion dedicates to answer principal questions - whether is democratic decision-making a form of deliberation, therefore concession, or is it a democratic process with a form of conflict.