Abstract

The goal of my bachelor's thesis is to investigate the coexistence of the Christian minority community and the Muslim majority in the contemporary Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. Divided into three parts, the work focuses on the prerequisites for the peaceful coexistence between these two communities. It can be assumed that the right to free belief and religious education enshrined in the Jordanian constitution from 1952, as well as the specific organization of Jordanian society, which features certain aspects of a tribal society, facilitate the peaceful coexistence of Christians in a country with a majority Muslim population.

To prove or disprove this assumption, I focused on the following research questions. What is the legal status of Christians in Jordan de facto and de iure? What is their role in the political system? What are the reasons that in Jordan, unlike other countries in the Middle East, the inhabitants of two different religions are able to coexist without major conflict? And finally, what problems does the Jordanian Christian community face?

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