

The bachelor thesis "The role of Mikhail Gorbachev in the process of reunification of Germany" aims to analyze the position of the last Soviet leader in the negotiations towards eliminating the division of Germany into two German states - Federal Republic of Germany (FRG) and German Democratic Republic (GDR). The work analyzes the changes in the Soviet-German relations after the election of Gorbachev as the General Secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. This thesis focuses on the foreign policy of the Soviet leader inspired by the concept of the "New Thinking" and its influence on the fate of divided Germany. The greatest attention is paid to the attitudes of the last Soviet statesman in several aspects: the possibility of a German reunification, NATO-membership of the reunited state and the conditions of withdrawal of the Soviet troops from the GDR territory. The last part of the thesis is a reflection of the negotiations on the reunification of Germany in the Czechoslovak press (Lidové noviny).