

Summary of the doctoral dissertation titled:

Relations between Turkey and the European Union during the two terms of the government of the Justice and Development Party in 2002-2011.

The work consists four chapters, which constitute a logical structure, showing the most important factors that shape the relations between Turkey and the European Union. The history of Turkey's relations with the European Community outlines the genesis of Turkey's relations with the West. In this part, the European policy aspect in relation to the Treaties of Rome is important. Turkey's relations with the wider West, including mainly the United States, have important meaning for this dissertation. In the following parts, the issue of differences between negotiation partners was discussed, as well as the reasons for the protracted negotiations of Turkey. The scale of the undertaking before which Turkey stood was decided on taking up the challenge related to accession negotiations. In the chapter devoted to the Turkish nation and the ruling party, I present the attitude of the nation and elites to the accession of Turkey. This issue causes differences in opinion among particular social groups. This part of the work facilitates a proper understanding of the evolution of the political system in Turkey. It presents the foundations of the political doctrine of Islamic parties in Turkey as well as the range of influence of the army and Islam in the state, and then the political evolution of Islam within the republican system. The main elements of the concept of political Islam, source of inspiration of the Justice and Development Party and the structure of the nascent political mechanism within Islamic organizations and features of the secular concept consisting in evoking the impression of fundamentalist threat, which were in fact created artificially under the influence of the growing importance of Islamic parties, were presented. The next part touches upon the issue of the coexistence of politics and religion and the influence of the overlapping of seemingly contradictory ideas on the evolution of political Islam in Turkey. In the fragment concerning the situation in Turkey after the basic period of the government's confrontation with the opposition, there were references to the foundations of social policy and the attitude of the government towards liberalism. In the part devoted to Turkey's foreign policy in the context of accession negotiations with the European Union, I took into account the main international factors that affect the shape of Turkey's relations with the European Union. The issues of perception of Turkey by the partners and reactions to systemic changes, in particular the evolution of political Islam towards emancipation from the current Western influences, have been taken into account. In this context, there is an analysis of the Turkish national interest, as well as the scale of the European Union's influence on the process of the evolution of Turkey's international involvement. The Turkish concept of international relations sets the direction of the government's operation, for which the significance of relations with the European Union is gradually changing. In the part devoted to Turkish policy towards Arab countries, an analysis of the impacts and areas of interest of Turkey in the Middle East region during the mature international policy of the AKP government was presented. The next fragment presents the concept of conflict-free international government policy, the pragmatic dimension of the balanced international doctrine of the Justice and Development Party and the vision of Turkey's safe future, which is

intended by the creators to ensure international growth and economic prosperity. Then, the question of re-evaluating the regional strategy of Brussels was taken, which aims to give Turkey a more adequate role in regional relations.

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