**Veronika Homolová - The role of autonomous regions and international administration under the Versailles system: The Memel/Klajpeda Cases, British Mandate Palestine, Rijeka/Fiume**

The Ph.D. thesis will deal with ethnically heterogeneous territories with special status created after the First World War, namely the cases in Klaipeda, Rijeka and the British Mandate of Palestine. An analysis of the key disputes and interventions of European powers and international institutions and a comparison of the three cases will clarify the main shortcomings of autonomous areas and international governance in nationally and ethnically problematic areas. The aim of the thesis is to verify the viability of interwar autonomous regions and mandated territories. The emphasis in the comparison will be placed primarily on national issues, anchoring areas in international law and their foreign economic ties.