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### **Abstract**

Raison d'être of the choice of the thesis topic. Methodology used.

Conceptions on the political power and internal and external exercise of political power from the Middle Ages to Talleyrand's time. The influence it had on Talleyrand. Consecutive organization of the European space.

The character: indication of his multifaceted personality; endogenous and exogenous circumstances that shaped his personality; outline of his behaviours; his ability to seduce and to externally adapt himself to times and usages, maintaining his way of being, acting and thinking; his ability to analyse people, institutions, happenings, permissive of inductions of the future.

Biography: genealogy, childhood, youth; beginning of his public life; exile in England and in the United States; Minister of the Directory, Consulate, Empire, First Restoration; success in the Vienna Congress; Prime-Minister during the second Restoration; Ambassador in London; end of his journey.

Political action: he supported a variety of regimes with the understanding that they served France occasionally, maintaining his foreign policy options unchanged: acceptance of the principle of the balance of powers; borders stability, repudiation of expansionism; recourse to International Public Law principles in diplomatic practice; preference for the English and Austrian alliances; restraint of the hegemonic ambitions of Russia and Prussia. Disengagement from the regimes and contribution to their fall with the understanding that they were illegitimate due to misuse of power.