

Abstract

This bachelor thesis studies on the social life of waste in the town of Police nad Metují. The main theoretical source for the thesis is "Social life of things" by Arjun Apparudai, on which is based a big part of the thesis. The thesis examines the total trajectory of specific waste and tries to solve a question if waste can become a commodity. Special focus is given to the waste management and perception of waste from the perspectives of specific actors – citizens of Police nad Metují. The research was conducted in the spirit of qualitative methodology. The main sources of data are semi-structured interviews given by five participants, whose transcripts were analysed by content analysis. Additional data sources are observations within the region. Furthermore, a terrain probe in Vietnam metropolis, Ho Chi Minh City, whereas the data collected by this probe are given for comparison. The results of the thesis are showing that waste can become a commodity, although, just in specific cases. In the course of the research, infrastructure has emerged as an equally important topic, which has a major impact on waste management and its perception. Other major influencers identified by the analysis were ecology and the concept of usability.