

## **Abstract**

- Title:** Memories of whithesses from the east of the Giant mountains
- Objectives:** The aim of the work is to summarize historical events and social changes connected with the era from the beginning of colonization of the east of the Giant mountains to the second half of 1940s through utterance of regional natives compared to thematic literature.
- Methods:** To gain data for this thesis regarding utterance of contemporary witnesses I used largely publications *Krkonošští rodáci vzpomínají* 1, 2 a 3, further a magazine *Krkonoše-Jizerské hory*, a website *Paměť národa – Sudetské osudy (Antikomplex)* and a method of semi-structured interview with one witness. I focused especially on German-speaking natives born in 1920s and 1930s from the east of the Giant mountains, largely from villages Horní Maršov and Velká Úpa and surroundings, occasionally supplemented by compatriots from the middle of the Giant mountains. It was 17 witnesses in total - 8 women and 9 men. Afterwards I made a comparison of sources mentioned above with professional literature and popular educational literature and websites, which have a relation to the region and to period, historical and social events.
- Conclusion:** The thesis introduced key moments of life stories of predominantly German-speaking witnesses from the east of the Giant mountains. First of all I devoted time to a phenomenon of hut farming, and than to my main topic – reflection of gradually worsening nationalistic tendency in 1930s turning in the World War 2 and following displacement of residents of the east of the Giant mountains. Benefit of this work is approximation of historically-social topic, which is in my opinion, still not reflected enough, to the readers.
- Keywords:** natives of the Giant mountains, hut farming , Sudet's Germans, World War 2, displacement