

## **ABSTRACT**

The rigorosum thesis deals with Czech political system in the second Czechoslovak Republic (1938–1939).

In this historically short period, liberal democracy has changed into an authoritative democracy. The power of the right-wing parties prevailed in the political system. In the case of Czech countries a bi-party political system, which is unique in Czech history, has been created.

The main aim of the rigorosum thesis is to describe the political party system in the Czech lands in the Second Republic period, and to look at the political parties that formed it. It also deals with the Second Republic in general, with the historical, economic, cultural and social context of that time.

In the final part, there are summarized all the conclusions I came to.

The sources were mainly archive sources, specialized literature dealing with the subject and political party periodicals but even non-political periodicals from that time.

## **KEYWORDS**

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