

RESUMÉ

In my diploma thesis I have focused on the experience of migration and following adaptation in host society of the czech women living in Mexico. I was interested in how these women went through the departure from the homeland, how their woman identity is being negotiated a constructed in the migration process and particularly in the context of mexican culture and what kind of transformation of their roles is coming up. I have focused on particular migration phases: motives and decision making, departure from the Czech Republic, arrival to Mexico and life in mexican society. My analysis is based on narratives of four czech émigrés, who shared with me their stories and experience. In the analysis I have focused both on the migration process and adaptation process in mexican society. I was interested in where my respondents feel at home, which main distinctions and difficulties they experience in every day life in Mexico, how their roles are changing by the change of social cultural context. I have paid the biggest attention to the topic of women's and men's position within the mexican society and how my respondents deal with it. My aim was to discover if and how their identity is being formed and negotiated in the dialogue with all-society understood roles of men and women.

I found out that my respondents have different motives and went through varied decision making processes. The character of decision itself and especially the factor of transitoriness/permanence is very important for the adaptation process of my émigrés. In the first stage of adaptation process building of the social network (new friends and colleagues) and learning the language were the most important steps for my respondents to start feeling comfortable in the new society. The gender roles of my respondents have changed with the arrival to mexican society, but according to their narratives it is not a consequence of the society impact but rather the natural temporary consequence of the migration. The most important for the forming process of their identities is the personal space, partnerships, household. My respondents keep the understanding of their identities and gender roles which they learned in european context. These understandings are being confronted with the values, persuasions and expectations of the mexican society, which does not lead to compromise but to hardening of their opinions.