

Abstract

Master's thesis entitled Freedom of the Speech 2.0 - the concept of freedom of speech among current Czech journalists deals with the latest concept of the freedom of speech phenomenon in the Czech media environment, specifically in the periodical press. The context of freedom of speech is explored both from sociological and philosophical perspective, as well as the legal restrictions that regulates the freedom of expression in the Czech media. Emphasis is placed on the role of the press in a democratic society and the need for freedom of speech for its proper functioning. This paper also deals with the factors influencing journalistic autonomy and the phenomenon of self-censorship as a significant restriction of freedom of expression. The work offers a current analyses of freedom of speech according to the non-profit organizations: Freedom House and Reporters Without Borders. It also focuses on recent cases related to the influencing of Czech media content by its owners. The research presents the opinions of 10 established Czech journalists and confirms the assumptions of a number of foreign media researchers, which is that economic entities such as advertisers or media partners, and journalists themselves, are the most important restricting factors of freedom of speech.