

Abstract

The thesis topic is the cooperation between the Czech and German far-right. The author focuses on the cooperation of Czech and German extreme-right parties from 1989 to 2019. The thesis aims not only to describe the contacts of the respective parties but also to explore the logic of the relations between the Czech and German extreme right. Adopting the theoretical framework of the Discursive theory of Essex school, the author proceeds to a detailed analysis of the discourses of Czech extreme-right parties about Germans and Germany; she traces back the transformations of the original anti-German discourses and the origins of these changes. Against the background of these processes, she explores the transformations of the “conditions of possibility” that make Czech-German cooperation “conceivable” for both Czech and German extreme-right parties. The author explores the changes in the discursive conditions that allow Czech-German friendship to be “rationalised” and justified despite the contradictory positions on the issues of the Czech-German past.

The author analyses the anti-German discourse of the SPR-RSČ in the 1990s and examines the circumstances of the SPR-RSČ’s alleged contacts with the German Die Republikaner. Further parts of the thesis are devoted to the relations between Dělnická strana (Workers’ Party), and its successor Dělnická strana sociální spravedlnosti (Workers’ Party of Social Justice), and the German Nationaldemokratische Partei Deutschlands (National Democratic Party of Germany). Here, the author addresses how the original anti-German discourse of the Dělnická strana has been contested and how these parties, which express different positions towards the claims of Sudeten Germans, can rationalise their cooperation through existing discursive structures. The study also examines the conception of the relations of Národní demokracie (National Democracy Party) and Národní strana (National Party) towards Germans and Germany and their contacts with extreme-right movements and parties in Germany.