

Abstract

The theme of the thesis "*Human rights in the times of coronavirus*" is an analysis of exceptional situation as coronavirus pandemic which occurred on the territory of the Czech republic in years 2020 to 2022 and its range and impact represented a completely unprecedented exceptional situation. In connection with that, crisis legislation was used to an unseen extent, showing its drawbacks, in some cases amplified by the approach of the crisis management bodies and public health protection authorities.

The aim of this thesis is to analyse crisis legislation, approach of the crisis management bodies and public health protection authorities during the covid-19 pandemic. To provide a comprehensive representation, an outline of the course of the pandemic on the territory of the Czech Republic is given in the initial part of the thesis, whereas approach of the bodies and authorities mentioned above was directly linked to this. The part describing the course of the pandemic is followed by the part in which the state of emergency is analysed, including its nature, process of issuing and problems linked to the state of emergency, mainly originating from its repeated extension. The process of issuing emergency measures and selected individual limitations are also analysed. In the part dealing with individual limitations, restrictions of free movement, gatherings and business, moreover with interventions to privacy are analysed. After that this thesis deals with the way in which Ministry of Health as a public health protection authority can issue its emergency measures. Related to this attention is paid to the process of issuing such emergency measures, their content, review and justification, the last two mentioned having undergone a significant transformation during the pandemic. Finally, attention is also paid to the Pandemic Act and its amendment, whereas in relation to this amendment an analysis of a crucial finding of the Constitutional court which reviewed the constitutionality of selected provision of such amendment is included.

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