

This thesis traces the roots of the transformation thought in samizdat publications of the Czech dissent. Although nearly twenty years have passed since Communism collapsed and the ideas in question became relevant, there is still a lack of knowledge about the subject. In order to fill in this gap, the thesis provides the reader with a literature review, summarizing and evaluating the sources of various types (e.g., articles in samizdat periodicals, samizdat books), and with background information (e.g., the identity of authors publishing under pseudonyms) obtained by interviewing contemporaries. Of special importance is the work of Zdislav Šulc who, owing to his chef-d'oeuvre, the *Government and Economics*, emerges from this study as the central figure of the Czech samizdat economic literature.