

Abstract

What motivates diasporas to political mobilization regarding the situation in the country of origin? Although members of the diaspora often become more active when their homeland is going through a critical development such as a war, previous research shows that not only the conflict itself, but also the mobilization capacity of the diaspora and psychological factors influence the political engagement of the diaspora. This bachelor's thesis will focus on the political mobilization of the Syrian diaspora in the Czech Republic during the Syrian anti-regime uprising in 2011 and the subsequent civil war. The aim will be to investigate how this community was politically engaged during this period, what motives led it to political mobilization, and whether and how its engagement changed over time (2011-2022). For this purpose, the author will conduct in-depth semi-structured interviews with migrants from Syria who settled in the Czech Republic and were politically involved at the beginning (and) or during the civil war. But it also relies on available research and newspaper articles about demonstrations and other types of political mobilization of the Syrian diaspora in the Czech Republic. The bachelor's thesis has the ambition to bring new knowledge about this group, which is addressed only sporadically in the existing literature and does not systematically examine the reasons for mobilization.