

# **The Position of the Slovak National Council**

## **Abstract**

This master's thesis deals with the topic of the status of the Slovak National Council, the circumstances of its establishment, operation and demise, which go far beyond the time period of the Slovak National Council's existence, its highly dynamic development between 1943 and 1992, its influence on the state legal system and other matters related to the Slovak National Council's operation, and overall summarises the development of Slovak parliamentarism in all its stages since the establishment of the Czechoslovakia in October 1918.

The aim of this thesis is to map the position of the Slovak National Council, both in its resistance period during the era of the Slovak state and in its political activity during the existence of the unitary Czechoslovak state, or the Czechoslovak federation, and to explain some of the contexts affecting the Slovak National Council, either directly or indirectly. The thesis draws on legal, historical and legal-historical literature, contemporary sources, legal norms, interviews with personalities influencing the Slovak National Council and records of meetings of state or party political bodies. The thesis also aims to illustrate the noticeable changes of the Slovak National Council depending on the circumstances that resulted in these changes, to compare the status of the Slovak National Council from the *de jure* and *de facto* point of view.

The author of the thesis also evaluates some actions of the Slovak National Council, or other political institutions, whether they are bodies of legislative or executive power within Czechoslovakia, bodies of political parties (especially the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia), events having a significant influence on political and non-political events in Czechoslovakia (especially those coming from the Soviet Union) in the context of the development of history and the related influence not only on the Slovak National Council and its position, but on the entire Slovakia, and hence Czechoslovakia.

## **Key words:**

Slovakia, Czechoslovakia, Parliamentarism

