

Abstract (in English):

The Czech Republic has become one of the top destinations for refugees from Ukraine following the Russian invasion of Ukraine in February 2022. However, research conducted in the Czech context regarding housing for refugees from Ukraine has yet to fully capture the complexity of their experiences in this regard. Utilizing qualitative research with a phenomenological framework, I conducted semi-structured interviews with refugees from Ukraine who have secured housing in the private rental housing market within the Prague metropolitan area. The primary research question addressed their strategies for finding accommodation in the private rental market, along with sub-questions exploring their motivations and barriers to entry into this market, as well as their utilization of capital during this transition. Thus, I identified a strategy of maximising one's own independence, a strategy of maintaining financial sustainability and a strategy of mobilising social networks. The findings of this study revealed that refugees are proactive agents, actively seeking to control their own lives. They employ creative strategies utilizing capital available to them to overcome various barriers and successfully access the private rental housing market. Consequently, this thesis contributes valuable insights to migration studies, enriches the theoretical understanding of agency, and offers practical recommendations for integration policies.