

ABSTRACT

The thesis examines the comparison of the development of social democratic parties in Prague and selected Western European metropolises after 2010.

The thesis is divided into several sections. It first focuses on the theoretical aspects of political parties, including the definition and functions of political parties and their typologies. This is followed by an overview of the development of social democracy in Europe, the Czech lands, and contemporary Europe. The next section is devoted to municipal politics, its role in local democracy, and self-government.

The analysis focuses on social democratic parties in Prague, London, and Berlin, with each chapter beginning with an outline of the electoral system in the respective city. In the case of Prague, the electoral campaigns of SOCDEM, its programs, and election results between 2010 and 2022 are described. The London Labour Party and Berlin SPD are analyzed with regard to their electoral strategies and results in the same period.

The final part of the thesis compares the electoral programs, campaigns, and results of these parties, identifies key differences and similarities, and provides insights into their functioning and responses to current political, economic, and social challenges.

KEYWORDS

Municipal politics, electoral programs, SOCDEM, Labour Party, SPD