

Abstract

This bachelor thesis deals with the process of integration and reception of migrants, focusing on the current challenges that the Russian migrants face in the Czech society due to the change of the geopolitical situation in Ukraine (from February 2022). The thesis is based on a study of literature, research, legislation, public policy documents, and its own qualitative research, which included 10 semi-structured interviews with Russian emigrants. Findings from the qualitative research were thematically coded and divided into categories that provide a closer picture of the challenges that Russian emigrants face in Czech society in the context of the war in Ukraine. The findings show that respondents perceive the attitude of Czech society towards them as rather negative or indifferent. According to the respondents' statements, the negative attitude of Czech society towards Russian emigrants has not changed significantly in relation to the war in Ukraine. Each of the respondents had encountered discrimination during their life in Czech society, most often due to their Russian origin, poor knowledge of the Czech language and their accent. Respondents with perfect knowledge of the Czech language have rarely, if ever, encountered discrimination and changes in the attitude of Czech society towards their origin since the beginning of the war in Ukraine. In rare cases, respondents had encountered changes in the behaviour of individuals from Czech society in direct relation to the war in Ukraine.