

Abstract

The bachelor thesis deals with the issue of superstition among the Goral community in the region of Horná Orava and its changes in the context of modernisation and globalisation. The aim of the thesis is to find out whether superstition among the Gorals is changing or disappearing over time and what factors influence this change. The terrain is defined by selected villages where the Goral dialect is still maintained. The method of bibliographical research, field research based mainly on semi-structured interviews with the local inhabitants and subsequent analysis of the data collected is used to find out what superstitions are still present in this community and whether they are reflected in its life.

Key words: Horná Orava, Gorals, superstitions, supernatural phenomena, folklore, traditions, 20th and 21st century