

## **Abstract**

This thesis deals with social rights and their protection. According to the czech legal system, social rights are classified as fundamental human rights because they are listed in the Charter of Fundamental Rights and Freedoms. Their specification is then contained in a large number of laws and subordinate legislations.

This thesis is divided into two parts, the first one consists of definitions of basic issues that are related to social rights and their protection, and therefore are necessary for understanding the overall issue. Then it continues with history of the constitutional enshrinement of social rights, specifically in the constitutions from the years of 1948 and 1960. Those are significant predecessors of the above-mentioned Charter of Fundamental Rights and Freedoms. First part ends with a section dedicated to law sources of rights from both the national, European Union and international point of view.

The second part of the thesis deals in detail with individual social rights, such as, among others, the right to work, the right to be educated, the right for a family to be protected or the right for one's health to be protected. Those are all based directly on the Charter of Fundamental Rights and Freedoms. The thesis does not forget matters closely related to social rights, such as the status of foreigners or the existence of homelessness.

The second part of the thesis looks closer at the very extensive social security system, as it includes a number of benefits and pensions that people can take advantage of. Mostly, the state provides the financial funds to those, that have found themselves in an unfortunate situation and are unable to resolve or improve it on their own. However, the state relies on an active participation of its people both in the area of insurance systems, where it is mandatory for them to pay the state part of their earnings, but also in non-insurance systems, as it does not support passivity and tries to motivate its citizens to take steps that are intended to draw them of social exclusion.

To be specific, the system includes health insurance, social insurance, state social support and social assistance.

The intent of the thesis was to provide a comprehensive view on the issue of social rights and their protection, because despite the absence of them all in one single source of law, not every citizen may have sufficient insight into all the ways in which the state protects his or her rights.

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