

***DYNAMICS OF THE CZECH SETTLEMENT SYSTEM***  
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**ABSTRACT**

The aim of this dissertation thesis is to contribute to the field of settlement geography by firstly evaluating the theoretical knowledge of current changes in settlement system in the Czechia, or in a comparable geographical area. Secondly, the aim is to provide empirical knowledge about the processes that shape it, with a particular focus on Prague, as the main pole of the system. This thesis comprises five scholarly papers examining settlement systems, their structures, and dynamics at scales ranging from individual localities to the national level. The articles present both historical perspectives on settlement patterns and recent transformative processes, as well as the variability of the system in relation to daily human activities. The introductory treatise introduces the papers and their interconnection. Furthermore, it situates the papers, their specific themes, and concepts within the theoretical context of settlement systems and mobility studies, pointing to potential perspectives for future research. The current scholarly debate finds itself in a paradoxical situation, characterized by increasing complexity of the contemporary world on the one hand, and growing thematic specialization within the academic discourse on the other. This necessitates a synthetic approach to the study of settlement systems. Third, the discussion addresses the main methodological and epistemological limitations of the research, arising from the use of mobile phone data and the generalization of findings across the post-socialist space.

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