Abstract
Diploma thesis *Memories of Czech miners and geologists who built oil wells in Iraq, 1979–1990* is an insight into the everyday life of employees of the Moravské naftové doly (Moravian Oil Mines) concern, who were sent to Iraq by the foreign trade company Strojexport to drill or equip oil wells for the Iraq National Oil Company. The aim of the thesis is to describe the basic aspects of the workers' everyday life and how they experienced it. The thesis uses narrative sources obtained through oral history, archival sources and other written sources. The methodological section describes the process of conducting oral history research. Chapter 2, *Historical Context*, outlines the international political aspects of the development of the mining industry in Iraq, the history of Czechoslovak involvement in Iraq, and the issue of Czechoslovak foreign trade in the 1980s. The empirical part focuses on selected areas of the everyday life of workers, namely relationships, the experience of time, economic and defence strategies, the transfer of knowledge, and personal relationships with institutions and the bipolar interpretation of the world.