

## Summary

The subject of my interest in this graduation thesis was to focus on one Czech political party called KDU-CSL (Christian and Democratic Party – Czechoslovak People's Party)

The main part contains general view of this small but very important political party. Although KDU-CSL is not the leading political party in the Czech Republic it has a longtime history and often has played main part in Czech political system.

KDU-CSL is based on Christian principles which are also mentioned in their political programme. The influence of this political party is bigger than it's real dimension. And that is the reason why this very political party was a member in government most often of all political parties.

The aim was to characterize KDU-CSL, describe its genesis and evolution, especially after 1989, organization structure and head personalities. I focused also on formation of programmes and their main differences since 1989.

First two chapters contain mainly theories and definitions of political parties. The second chapter deals with Christian political parties including KDU-CSL.

Next part is aimed only at KDU-CSL (genesis and evolution especially after 1989 in context of evolution of the whole Czech political system). As an outcome follows a prognosis for KDU-CSL.

Another chapter deals with internal structure, base of members and most of voters and the statement of the reasons. This part also describes some leading personalities of this political party, e.g. Jan Šrámek and Josef Lux.

Last chapter is devoted to main political programmes since 1989 which are mainly held on a conception of an electoral programme. It means that they occur before parliamentary elections which are held every four years except situation during political crises. In these days we are in this very situation. It means that this thesis is actualised with political programme prepared for election originally planed for October, 2009. These elections were cancelled and next ones will probably be in May, 2010. We can only guess if they will somehow change their current programme.

There are many ways how to describe a political party. This thesis provides various aspects for a complex analysis of KDU-CSL, especially since 1989.