

The master's degree thesis focuses on the issue of transition in understanding the term "state sovereignty", influenced throughout the last decades by the continual deepening of integration processes on the European continent, which are shielded on the European Union platform. The thesis ought to serve primarily the students of education schools and the social sciences teachers at high schools as a tool for comprehending the complex matter of European integration and its influence on the nature of the member states. It points out how the role of state, state symbols and mainly the state's substantial component, its sovereignty, change under the influence of the mentioned tendencies. The topic is approached in the context of international, mainly European law, therefore the analysis of the European Union is included, in terms of its genesis, the structure of its legal order and the European institutions. The role of the Czech Republic in this process is described as well, and the same applies to necessary changes, especially of constitutional character, that must have been carried out by the Czech Republic in order to be prepared for fulfilling its obligations, resulting from the European Union membership. The closing part of the thesis depicts the current issues in the field of European integration, which have arisen through the ratification of the Lisbon Treaty, in the light of two decisions of the Constitutional Court of the Czech Republic.