

## **Abstract**

Diploma thesis *Aircraft and railway accidents in the Czechoslovakia and in the Czech Republic in 1960 – 2008 in the daily press* describes ten serious traffic accidents (five airplane and five train accidents), the context and especially the media coverage of these accidents.

The thesis describes and compares the media coverage of these accidents in the analysed daily press - in daily newspaper Rude pravo, Pravo, Mlada fronta and Mlada fronta DNES. It shows the changes in the way of media coverage. It also looks for the factors which influenced the way of media coverage. The aim is to show the changes in the methods and results of a work of a journalist and to set them into the historical, political, social and media context.

Furthermore, the thesis consists some theoretical parts about aircraft and railway accidents and prevention. The media analysis is contextualised by some relevant media theories and a brief history of media in Czechoslovakia and the Czech Republic in the analysed period.