

Abstract

This bachelor thesis describes political aspects of the Czechoslovak – Polish conflict over Cieszyn Silesia in years 1918 - 1920. It tries to enlighten the aspects of this conflict. Similarly, its goal is also a thorough effort for achieving neutrality, which is supposed to help find the only truthful interpretation of this conflict. The more important events of this conflict are chronologically looked upon. The Polish, as well as the Czech historiographic interpretations of given events are introduced. Heterogeneity of the region is stressed upon and there are doctrines described, which helped Czechoslovakia and Poland defend their interest for this region. Furthermore, the thesis also describes individual agreements, which were signed between the two countries, and were referring to Cieszyn Silesia between 1918 – 1920. There is also an attempt for the actual war conflict in January 1919 to be represented. The difficult and heated atmosphere in the given region starting with the war conflict, lasting till arbitration in 1920 is pointed out. One of the chapters also remembers the Czechoslovak satisfaction and the dissatisfaction of the Poles with the result of the arbitration. The original aims of the thesis were not reached. The author states his later awareness, he cannot reach the aims for his ideological grounds. Searching not for the truthful interpretations, but for the most-probable interpretations of any phenomena is suggested. In the end, „Political aspects of Czechoslovak – Polish Conflict over Cieszyn Silesia in 1918-1920“ is a competent review of Czech and Polish historiography in the question of the Conflict over Cieszyn Silesia between 1918-1920.