

## **Abstract**

The KSČM as successor party of the KSČ is stable part of Czech party system where it has status of anti-system opposition. Still there are arguments of its extreme character or its existence legitimacy. This text deals with this problem in the context of party's relationship with its related political youth organization KSM/ SMKČ. Current openly extreme nature of SMKČ, which emerge after break in the KSM as one of the successor organizations, is a measure of party modernization. First part is a summary of the development of KSČM and KSM/ SMKČ after year 1989 which introduce the situation of balance of opinion streams in the party: conservative, reform, pragmatic and traditional minded silent majority, with which the next analysis works. Second part focuses on measure of party and PMO conjoint ideological attitudes in areas of important cleavages. First area is reflection of Czechoslovakia history in years 1945 – 1989. Second theme is basic policy objectives especially researching the aspect of ratio to democracy. Last area is current political issue: attitudes towards EU and NATO and the relevance of the themes of modern left for KSČM. The third part of the text deals with relationship of the party PYO by analysis of their practical cooperation, especially in the following forms: short – term, organization of campaigns and other activities, long – term, members of PYO join the party and candidate for it in elections. This analysis is answers the questions what this says about the current pull on the nature of KSČM and its next development.