Abstract

This thesis deals with the preparation of the Czech Republic to enter the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO, the Alliance) with an emphasis on the years 1993 – 1999, especially in terms of foreign policy, domestic policy and external security.

The study aims to describe the effort of the Czech Republic to join NATO and outline the conditions that had to be met during the preparation for the accession to the Alliance. Also, the study looks for contradictions that appeared during the process and tries to identify them. At the same time, it presents an outline of international relations in the second half of the 20th century which are fundamental to understanding the effort of the Czech Republic to become a full member of NATO.

The questions that the author asks are: “What events significantly affected the preparation of the Czech Republic to enter NATO” and “What stances and differences in foreign policy and domestic policy in the Czech Republic accompanied the process?”

This work should provide answers on the basis of theoretical knowledge and personal testimonies of direct participants in the accession process whom the author addressed.