

Abstract

Using a method of regional probing, the thesis seeks to map the evolution of relations between the Czech majority and the German minority that resided in the former political district of Policka. The analysis concentrates on the period of 1897-1946, with a concentration focusing on the culture of remembering and the ways in which both ethnic groups came to divergent interpretations of their mutually-shared history. The author strives to identify the factors that influenced the actions and positions of the local populace during the key political events of 1918, 1938 and 1945. He concentrates not only on the everyday interactions between both ethnic groups, but also on the conditions that both groups found themselves in during the so-called national confrontation.