

Abstract

My bachelor thesis “The influence of historical circumstances on the activity of the Slovak factor and its role in the election of Gustav Husak to the head of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia - Comparison with the election of Alexander Dubcek“ intends, through analytical and comparative methods, to approach the influence of historical circumstances on the effect of the Slovak factor in the election of Gustav Husak to the position of the First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia in April 1969. The reason is that the author studied the literature related to this issue and lacked a text that would be devoted to these themes in more detail. Based on the analysis of the election of Alexander Dubcek to the leading position in the Party in January 1968, within which the influences emphasizing the effect of the Slovak factor are evident according to the author’s opinion, three comparison ranges – saturation, coercion and conflict range – were defined. Based on these ranges the examined factors of the election of Husak were identified. Basic terms – a thematic content of the comparison ranges as well as the Slovak factor itself – will be characterized closer and explained in the text. By using this method, author concludes that the key factors that significantly emphasized the effect of the Slovak factor during the election of Gustav Husak into the leading role in the Communist Party are especially power interests of the Soviet Union in the Central Europe, the fear of Slovak state federalization supporters about its fate after the intervention in August 1968, and also the actions of Gustav Husak himself.