

## **ABSTRACT**

The objective of this dissertation thesis is the life of Czech historian Josef Susta in 1939–1945 . The thesis is concerned with the reasons for the election of the new president of the Czech Academy of Sciences and Arts in 1939. The text analyses the activities of Josef Susta as the head of the scientific institution in the period of the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia, as well as the activities of the Academy itself. The thesis finds evidential support of assessment of his activities during the Nazi Occupation. The thesis deals with risky status of elites on the social as well as cultural level in 1939–1945. Interpreting Susta's scientific activities, the thesis provides a complex picture of his personality. In conclusion, the work deals with Susta's suicide as well as whether he considered all risks of the prominent position.