

Abstract

The ČTK Law: The Halfway Transformation. Evolution of relationships between political and media sphere in the Czech Republic in the '90s of the 20th century focusing on Czech News Agency

Dissertation describes evolvement of relations between Czech political and media sphere in the 90ties of 20th century, focusing on the ČTK transformation, in which media sphere was influenced by politics. The first three chapters describe the legislative process of drafting law for the ČTK (The Acts No. 123/1965 Coll., 310/1991 Coll., 517/1992 Coll.). The next two chapters deals with application of those legal norms and putting them into practice: illustrated by election procedure of the very first ČTK Council (1993), and by Czech government's attempt to reinstate the obligation to publish full-text of its statements, and to redefine the mission of the agency (1995). The last chapter summarize attitudes concerning change of the ČTK Statute and the possible privatization of the agency. The chapter relates to the term of the second ČTK council (1998), however above mentioned issues were discussed from the beginning of the 90ties already, because the lawmakers in the 1992 presupposed that the public service media statute of the ČTK, unlike the Czech Television and Czech Radio, should be the interim one. Because of division of Czechoslovakia, the dissertation refers also to activities of TK SR and TASR.