

## **Abstract**

The work aims to get a deeper grasp of the issue of tenement houses courtyards and understand their function as a specific type of space within city. This goal is to be reached with emphasis on users of this space in terms of how they use and perceive it.

In the first part of the work, the reader can familiarize themselves with difficulties of urban space in the context of urbanism and sociology, history of courtyards of tenement houses in Prague and also their revitalization. The second part of the work consists of a case study of one particular already revitalized courtyard in which a series of non-participant observations and qualitative interviews was performed with 13 of its users.

The concluding part summarizes the results of the qualitative research and it is shown, in connection with the first part, that tenement houses courtyards may represent a space supporting life quality in urban areas.

**Key words:** courtyard, revitalization, tenement house, sense of place, a case study