

ABSTRACT

This thesis in its theoretical part deals with the analysis of the reflection on the historical facts with an emphasis on historical consciousness or more precisely regional historical consciousness and the factors that affect the continuity of its preservation. In response to this starting point the question of the possible aspects of the definition and study of the region and consequently the specification of the following aspects of Karlovy Vary region as an example is further discussed. Analysis of regional moment of history and its share in the formation of the historical consciousness itself and regional identity concludes this theoretical portion afterwards. An integral part of the theoretical background is the discussed educational dimension of the partial theoretical aspects and its significance for public area as a whole. First, the analytical part of this study summarizes the results of two surveys within the framework of regional identity of the selected parts of the population of Karlovy Vary region or more precisely the very centre of Karlovy Vary and its immediate surroundings. Selected digressions of regional history (dealing with the co-existence of the German, Czech and Jewish ethnicity in the 19th and 20th century in Karlovy Vary region) are the application of the theoretical basis and general investigation results. These digressions are an attempt to specify the potential educational use of regional issues in the public space with reference to the transformation of the socio-cultural relations of these individual ethnic groups in the context of the general historical development.

KEYWORDS

historical consciousness – region – regional moment - regional identity - regional history - the Germans - the Jews - the Czechs