

Modernization of Volyně,
Dominant developmental trends of economy, society and politics
between years 1848 and 1938

This text following the proposition of modernization theory tries to regard long-lasting evolution of making modern society in the small town Volyně. It is divided into parts searching for a modern tendencies in terms of various segments of social, economic, cultural and political life.

First of all there is pointed at making progress to road-traffic infrastructure, uprising mass-transportation and post, telegraph and phone services. The second part is looking for the meaningful changes connected with the liberal economy and the industrial revolution, concretely redeployment agricultural sector and translocation the manpower into trade sector and industry, then concentration of manufacturing and downfall of the small workshop production. The third part inquires the quantity and quality of the town's population, the main demographic changes came by the removal of diseases caused by insufficient personal hygiene and municipal sanitation and on the other hand by the birth of the new demographic regime and transformation of population pattern. In the scholarship area the dominant trends of modernity are tried to be find in the decrease of church's influence and in the erection of technical targeting schools. The fifth part is looking for the transmutation of people's identity and acceptance of the modern secular Czech nationalism. Eventually there is viewed the political aspect of the social development with regard to previous chapters especially to area of economy. The act of modernization is there being expected in the creation of mass parties by the various cleavages,

The research is done with knowledge of general development in the Czech countries and by the comparison with the poor town on the periphery. As the main information sources are used the archive materials especially placed in the regional archives. The result of this comparison are findings of increasing town's great lagging behind the center in the most of all researched sectors.