

Abstract

This dissertation deals with the profession of bartender between years 1958 and 1988 in socialist Czechoslovakia. It describes the development of mixology after the WW2 and difficulties it was facing in the socialist period up to late Eighties. Through interviews with contemporary witnesses, the author examines bad habits, shortcomings and abuses of the system behind the bar. Attention is paid to the availability and shortages of different kinds of alcohol and non-alcoholic drinks. The author also looks at bartenders as illicit moneychangers. The work analyses regulatory laws valid at this period and offers compact description of the most interesting and popular bars in Prague at that time.