

ANOTATION

The thesis focused on František Soukup (1871-1940) and political party Czechoslovak Social Democratic Party, because he was the member of this party since 1896. Text describes his life before World War I.

The work combines biography of František Soukup and development of the workers and social democratic movement in the context of political modernization – first at the example of party's newspaper, in which Soukup works. In the centre, there is a main theme of the party before World War I – the universal suffrage. Conclusion presents Soukup's activities after the legalization of this requirement, i.e. his work and speeches in House of Deputies, which are placed in contrast with his activities in the Socialist International.

The aim of the thesis is write the biography of an important representative of the party and on this basis – analyze political discourse of social democracy at the end of the century.

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