

Abstract

This work, „Populism in Czech politics: Electoral reform proposals“, addresses Czech political representatives presenting electoral reform proposals. In those they are appealing to the people and to a dichotomy against elites. Firstly, the work attempts to define populism, delimit this concept and set some basic research characteristics. Secondly, the work briefly sums up current state of electoral system of the Czech Republic. Third, it analyzes specific electoral reform proposals presented by Czech political subjects, which are considered populist. Researched subjects are “Hnutí Úsvit přímé demokracie Tomia Okamury” (the Dawn Movement of Direct Democracy of Tomio Okamura) and their proposals; and Karel Janeček with his proposal Democracy 2.1. This work aims to analyze if those proposals and their authors comply with set characteristics of populism.