

## **Abstract – Asylum and refugees in the light of the case law of the European Court of Human Rights**

The thesis deals with issues of asylum and refugees in the context of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and the case law of the European Court of Human Rights. The purpose of the thesis is to show a tight relationship between refugee law and protection of human rights. The text is divided into seven chapters.

In the introduction, the terms asylum and refugees are distinguished and a refugee is defined according to the crucial document of international refugee law, the Convention relating to the Status of Refugees. The definition of a refugee is outlined using inclusion, cessation and exclusion clauses. The next chapter is dedicated to the rule of non-refoulement stated in the Article 33 of the Refugee Convention, which prohibits states from expelling and deporting a refugee back to a country, where his life or freedom is threatened. The following part focuses on the European Convention on Human Rights and its surveillance done by the European Court of Human Rights. This part also examines the procedural issues of dealing with complaints on breach of the European Convention on Human Rights.

Key chapter six is split into subchapters according to relevant provisions of the European Convention on Human Rights. It introduces important decisions of the European Court of Human Rights including facts of the cases and conclusions of the Court. These conclusions are further discussed in the light of concrete provisions of the Convention. The findings from the case law of the European Court of Human Rights show very tight relationship between protection of human rights and refugee law and point to the possibility of protection of refugees through the provisions of the European Convention on Human Rights.