

## **Abstract**

The thesis “Euthanasia. Arguments for and against legalising euthanasia” is dedicated to the subject of voluntary euthanasia and assisted suicide. The aim of the thesis is to provide an overview of the most common opinions and assertions, which are used in arguing for legalising euthanasia in the Czech Republic. The introduction briefly introduces the terminology, explains the basic concepts and tries to debunk some inaccuracies that are connected with this theme. In the following text, examples from several countries that have developed approaches to legalize euthanasia in the past are presented, and differences in the laws are explained. This section is linked with the theological, philosophical and bioethical views on euthanasia. The final and crucial part of the thesis presents the various arguments which lead supporters and opponents of legalization in various debates, in the media and in the scientific literature.

## **Keywords**

euthanasia, assisted suicide, legality of euthanasia, merciful death, slippery slope, autonomy, argumentation