

**ABSTRACT:**

Diploma thesis “(De)securitization of the ‘Jewish question’ in Slovakia in the years 1945-1948” examines how society in the post-war period approached the “Jewish question” from the perspective of the securitization theory. The thesis recognizes domestic and foreign dimension of the process and shows that in the society contradictory tendencies were present at the same time - while in the area of foreign policy people involved exerted pressure on the Slovak political elites to desecuritize the question, in the area of domestic relations the “involved public” took steps in the opposite direction. For this reason, the political elites were forced to face a (de)securitization dilemma. The thesis emphasizes the significance of social and historical context in which the process is anchored and in this light it observes the historical continuity of formation and development of the “Jewish question” in Slovakia, which is set in contrast to a radical change in the social context of the post-war period when the restitution of the Jewish property turned out to be a key factor influencing the course of events. As a result of post-war anti-Jewish moves and acts of violence against Jewish minority the “Jewish question” was politicized became a “necessity and urgency”. Therefore the expected restitution law was not implemented in Slovakia. On this basis the thesis concludes that the “public” succeeded in the position of a securitization actor.