

# **ABSTRACT**

Rigorosum Thesis deals with legal regulation of protected areas with emphasis on large-area protected areas legislation in the Czech Republic.

The thesis consists of five chapters. Chapter one is introductory and provides general introduction to the law of nature conservation including the history of protected areas from the perspective of international, European and national law. Chapter two analyses legal regulation of protected areas by international law and explains the importance of the most significant international governmental and nongovernmental organizations as well as their role in conservation of protected areas. Chapter three deals with the law of protected areas in the European Union and analyses relevant case law of the Court of Justice. Chapter four explains and reviews the way in which the law promotes the conservation of protected areas in the Czech Republic. The analysis covers in detail legal regulation of large-area protected areas, i.e. national parks and protected countryside areas. The last chapter focuses on the comparison of the Czech and British large-area protected areas regulation.

The aim of this thesis is to provide an outline and analysis of relevant international treaties and programmes promoting the conservation of protected areas; to describe, review the applicable Czech large-area protected areas legislation and present some of the imperfections and propose possible solutions as well as provide a comparison of the Czech and British large-area protected areas regulation.