

Abstract

This thesis deals with the topic of the Muslim minority in the Czech Republic and its political participation. In comparison to countries in Western Europe, the Muslim community in the Czech Republic is relatively small. The number of Muslim inhabitants is estimated to 20 000 and according to this number is also corresponding its political participation. The Muslims can be found in the traditional Czech parties in ČSSD and in ODS. This thesis, therefore, deals in the first part with the history and institutionalization of the community which first appeared during the First Czechoslovak Republic, continued during the period of Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia and then the re-establishing of the community after 1989. The second part of the thesis deals with the political Islam itself and the politically active Muslims in the Czech Republic. Furthermore the main approaches to political Islam according to the main Islamic philosophers of the 20th century will be introduced and a short state of professor Šilhavý will be demonstrated. The conclusion is devoted to a brief media analysis of how the Czech media pictured the Muslims and how the main Czech political parties speak about Muslims and Islam as well.