

Abstract

The bachelor's thesis deals with a new social phenomenon polyamory, an alternative form of a relationship, in which individuals have more relationships at the same time. The biographic study focuses on polyamory identity construction within biographic interview with participating individuals in the Czech Republic. The objective of the thesis is to present how polyamory is perceived by those who practice it in the society and culture where monogamous relationship is a standard. Based on the analysis, common features of polyamorists' biographies are presented (previous non-monogamous relationships, motives, rules). Polyamory in the present thesis is interpreted by Anthony Giddens's theoretical concept of pure relationship, too. The key part of the paper focuses on application of R. Sternberg's triangular love theory applied to polyamory and components form of passion intimacy and commitment in polyamory respondents' relationships. The thesis encompasses competence model proposal for polyamorists based on the final hypothesis which avers that polyamory is a skill/ability.