

**Abstract (in English):**

The diploma thesis compares (mal)functioning of the state during contemporary political development in Czech Republic and Greece. Firstly it explains the theoretical understanding of the notion of state and varieties of its malfunctioning such as clientelism, patronage and exploitation. Secondly it analyzes path-dependent historical changes of state and its malfunctioning, since Ottoman supremacy in case of Greece and since democratic Czechoslovakia in case of Czech Republic. Subsequently the thesis deals with the impact that the economic crisis of 2008 had on political development and quality of democracy in these countries in the context of their malfunctioning states.