

This dissertation is presented within the doctoral study on the Charles University in Prague, Faculty of Law. The presented dissertation addresses the issue of the status and activity of trade unions in labour relations. The dissertation deals with the conditions for legal foundation and creation of trade unions, the conditions for their operation at an employer, their organisational structure, the conditions for the dissolution and disbanding of trade unions. The dissertation is also devoted on the questions of plurality of trade unions, as well as the questions of jurisdiction and powers of trade unions in labour relations, focusing on the right of collective bargaining and the right to conclude collective agreements. The dissertation also deals with the collective labour disputes and the various methods of their resolving, focusing on the right to strike as an extreme means for resolving a collective dispute. The presented dissertation also deals with certain issues related to the status of members of trade union bodies (union officials), with the status of labour organisations in the period from the founding of an independent Czechoslovak state in 1918 up until 1989 and an outline of developments in the trade union movement after 1989 and also looks into the right to strike in selected countries of the European Union.