

## **Abstract**

This study deals with constitutional development of German reunification in the period from 1989-1994. The aim is to introduce constitutional discourse of German reunification as the decisive element of constitutional order of German federal republic. This discourse was very extensive and a large part of the general public got engaged in it. With its influence on individual decisions the discourse helped to anchor the legitimacy of the Basic Law, especially in the first years after reunification.

For better orientation in the issue of German unification, the first chapter summarizes the process of German separation and the emergence of the two German republics. The study then addresses the revolutionary developments in the DDR in 1989 that stood at the inception of the main part constitutional reunification discourse. The following chapter deals with the process of unification and focuses on individual agreements, which led to its realization. The penultimate chapter is dedicated to the search of a new constitutional order. The influence of discourse is confirmed particularly in the final section, which describes the activities of the Joint Constitutional Commission.

The work of commission mirrored the discourse which had an influence on the commissions' final report that introduced the suggested constitutional changes. The novelization of the Basic Law can be described as very conservative and without any large effect on its main nature. The constitutional discourse thus allowed the Basic Law to stay in place as the constitution of the German federal republic.