

The first part of this diploma paper concentrates on modern concepts of civil society and definition of nongovernmental sector as an institutionalised part of civil society. In the second part it summarizes the main periods of the development of the non-profit sector in the Czech State from 19 century until 1989. The third part illustrates the image of the non-profit sector in the Czech republic since 1989. It analyzes the discursive controversy over the notion of civil society between two Czech presidents - Vaclav Havel a Vaclav Klaus. It also describes four different types of organizations that constitute the non-profit sector. It analyzes the role, character, financing and classification of Czech non-profit sector, including a description of the barriers which the nongovernmental sector in the Czech Republic faces in the context of complex social processes.