ABSTRACT

This thesis is focused on historical changes in the social constructions of sexuality, particularly in the Czech criminal law. Primary sources for the analysis are criminal codes issued in 1950, 1961 and 2009, including relevant amendments. The aim of the research is (by use the in-depth textual analysis and critical gender position) to highlight the historical changeability of the discourse of sexuality and to uncover related meanings in all texts used for the analysis. I also focus on the specific way, how it comes to the social construction of gender and thus which representation of masculinity and femininity is possible to see in the criminal law related to the defined criminal acts related to the sexuality. Criminal codes are understood as the official, universally applicable documents. How the Czech criminal law contributes to the social control of sexuality? The most important keywords are: gender, discourse, language, criminal law, sexuality.