Abstract

This thesis deals with the ancient institute of Roman Law, the power of life and death, one of the powers that belonged to the father of Roman family of its members. It is focused on the scope of that power in particular periods of the Roman Empire, conditions under which that power could be used against concrete persons and legal sources dealing with the power of life and death. This thesis also deals with specific expressions of the power of life and death and their changes in the course of the historical periods of the Roman Empire, particular chapters are focused on the period of the Roman Kingdom, the Roman Republic and the Roman Empire. In further context, this thesis deals with the paternal power of the Roman father, that included the power of life and death.