

**Abstract (in English):**

The subject of this thesis is the modernization of rural areas. I use the case studies of three villages (Třebohostice, Mečichov, Chrást'ovice), with similar amounts of owned land and population sizes, to analyze this process. I approach the study as a micro-historical probe. The main sources of empirical material are the local chronicles and archival documents from the local governments (MNV and largely ONV Strakonice and OV KSC Strakonice). I supplement this "*history from above*" with oral history interviews, which I use to glean how collectivization was evaluated retrospectively and the ways in which it was seen as having contributed to the local communities. I map the impact of the emerging collective farms, whether positive or negative, on the development of the individual villages, and describe the changes that took place in them.