Abstract:

The aim of this diploma thesis is analysis of roots KPC’s successes in elections among Prague voters during interwar period. In the centre of the interest is readiness of historical actors for political activism, active participation in demonstrations and the reasons of less evident support, which was manifested through preferences of voters. By methods of social and cultural history this work reconstructs social nets of participants, supporters, activists and voters of KPC during interwar period with special attention on cause of shift individuals toward communist movement. The complex built from ideological discourse and social representations of power of working class, which was transmitted through organizational structures of party, was created with intention to make working class with strong political consciousness – in the other words, with purpose to create group of convinced communists. To catch the process of construction of communist movement members mentality in point of intersection with activity of communist organisations focused to improve of poor lives of Prague periphery inhabitants can offer new point of view on specific position of communist movement in interwar Czechoslovak society.

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