Abstract
The diploma thesis is a case study of the outflow of young people from the town of Šumperk. The aim of this work is to explain the main causes of the problem, to determine the extent to which suburbanization is involved in the process, to evaluate the town's existing policies to solve the problem and to suggest possible solutions. The research is based on the theoretical concepts of the public policy cycle, which helps to determine the stage at which the problem is at the town level, works with the theory of city shrinkage, the theory of suburbanization, and push-pull migration theory. The original research is based on data from sociological research and interviews. Conclusions of the thesis include the finding that the main causes of the outflow of young people are inadequate job opportunities for college students and poor housing offers. Suburbanisation also contributes to the process of shrinking. The town's current policy lacks a strategic concept that would prevent the outflow. In conclusion, the author suggests possible partial solutions to the problem, such as creation of a coworking center or a change in the zone planning strategy.