

Abstract

The diploma thesis surveys the current legal regulation of state citizenship in the Czech Republic in relation to selected states of the Middle East. The thesis contains descriptions and analysis of the legal regulation in force regarding the state citizenship in the Czech Republic, the State of Israel and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan; it also describes the complicated legal situation in the Palestinian territories. In the part focused on the Middle East, the thesis deals with three fundamentally different yet comparable, historically and politically interconnected, state formations – Jewish parliamentary republic, Arab Muslim constitutional monarchy and a state formation *sui generis*.

Besides the introduction and the conclusion, the diploma thesis consists of five chapters. The first four chapters successively deal with the Czech Republic, Israel, Jordan and the Palestinian territories, whereas the fifth one compares them. The chapters dedicated to the Czech Republic, Israel and Jordan focus on the study of acquisition and loss of citizenship in the said state, characteristic of citizenship, multiple citizenships and development of relevant legal regulation. In the cases of Israel and Jordan, the thesis also addresses legal history of the relevant state, selected particularities of its public law and current problems and challenges in the field of citizenship thereof. The chapter concentrated on the Palestinian territories describes the actual situation in the territories and problems that arise as its consequences. Individual chapters are approached in a way that they address equivalent or similar institutes, allowing comparison of legal regulations of the selected states. At the same time, the diploma thesis reflects the unique character of each state.

Historical, political and social contexts contribute to a better understanding of citizenship issues. Based on the description of the legal regulation of citizenship of the Czech Republic and three distinctive state formations in the Middle East, the thesis analyses why the states chose their particular legal regulation of citizenship, what is common to all of them and on the contrary what is unthinkable with some of them, which historic events influenced the current shape of the institute researched, how the state character manifests in the legal regulation of citizenship and whether it is even possible to discuss citizenship in all the cases.