Abstract:

This thesis deals with the development of Andrej Babiš’s Czech. Babiš is a Slovak politician and businessman, who lives in the Czech Republic and whose speeches and media appearances have been part of Czech public discourse for the past few years. The aim of this thesis is to describe how Babiš’s language changes over time and how Slovak interference influences it. Hypotheses focus on the number of errors in Babiš’s speech, the specific types of errors he makes and the interlingual / intralingual error ratio. The theoretical part of the thesis introduces basic second-language acquisition terminology, which is later used in the practical part. The practical part consists mainly of an error analysis of recordings of interviews with Babiš. Lexical, syntactic, morphological, phonetic, phonological and other differences between Czech and Slovak, which are the source of negative language transfer in Babiš’s Czech, are also described. The conclusion shows how parameters of the politician’s speech changed over six years and offers an explanation of the change.