

Abstract:

The diploma thesis deals with Marxist philosophy in Czechoslovakia between 1956 and 1968, it focuses especially on Marxist humanism. The XX. Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union in 1956 and the Khrushchev's critique of Stalinism gave opportunity for critical approach in Marxist philosophy. Marxist humanism came with the turn to questions of man and his world and it refused the dehumanizing system of Stalinism. The campaign against revisionism was led in regimes of the Eastern Block between 1956 and 1960 as a reaction to critical efforts in Marxist theory and practice. The campaign against revisionism was led in Czechoslovakia against efforts of separation philosophy from ideology or emphasis to Hegelian origins of Marxism.

Areas where was evolving critical thinking and original approach to Marxism were arising in the 1950s and especially in 1960s in Czechoslovakia. Examples of this areas were the Institute of Philosophy of the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences and the dialogue between Marxists and Christians.

In this thesis I examine thinking of Karel Kosík, Robert Kalivoda and Milan Machovec on questions of history and man. Through these themes I show different approaches to Marxist humanism in Czechoslovakia between the 1950s and 1960s. Marxist humanism is often seen as an unitary philosophical current. In this diploma thesis I emphasise the fact, that Marxist humanism was a variable current and we should study particular authors. I perceive the turn to questions of man and his world along with the use of different approaches in Marxist philosophy on one hand as a reaction to altered political situation, on the other hand, works of Marxist humanism were part of this change of political conditions in Czechoslovakia.

In addition to Marxist humanism, Marxist antihumanism arose in the 1960s. Marxist antihumanism had different theoretical origins than Marxist humanism. On works of Louis Althusser and Milan Průcha I want to show, on what condition we can distinguish between Marxist humanism and antihumanism.

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