

## **Summary**

The thesis *"The Party of the Expelled" in the Český Krumlov and Prachatice district 1970-1980* through the research of regional context deepens the knowledge of the process of establishment and legitimization of Normalization in the periphery of the Czech borderland. On the basis of archival materials, mainly from the District Committees of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia (KSČ) in Český Krumlov and Prachatice and other sources within the Party hierarchy, it tries to map the course of the consolidation process and party purges in 1970. Compared to nationwide data, it attempts to capture the specifics of the Czechoslovakian periphery. The main task of the thesis is to analyze various fate of excluded members of the KSČ: the so-called "Party of the Expelled." The analysis focuses on their diverse life trajectories and ways of dealing with separation from the party collective, with special regard to the various loyalties that these people were tied to the party, to the society, workplaces and, last but not least, to each other. Through this analysis, the role of this segment of the population in establishing the legitimacy of the Normalization regime is shown.

Since the purges resulted in the disadvantage of a significant number of qualified workforce, they are interpreted as a process of delegitimization of Normalization regime. However, the analysis of the fate of the excluded shows us the stabilizing potential of the purges. The normalization discourse, despite its categorical rejection of the Prague Spring representatives, was trying to show its positive attitude towards those of expelled who proved their loyalty to the normalization regime. Perspective of improving their disadvantaged status, therefore motivated significant part of the expelled to manifest their loyalty not only through official requests for re-admission to the KSČ, but also through increased activity and public engagement. Along with highly qualified workers who, due to their privileged status, were not threatened by purges, a large part of the "Party of the Expelled" have acted as a significantly stabilizing element within the Normalization regime.