

Abstract

This thesis focuses on topic of emigration, more particularly re-emigration, in Czechoslovakia during times of so called „normalization“. The main task is to analyze the deposition of returnees by officers of State Security, how they constructed their life stories, how they described their motivation to leave Czechoslovakia and to come back, the circumstances of their life in western countries and the circumstances of their return to Czechoslovakia. This thesis attempts to create a typology of returnees based on their own description of their lives in the depositions, especially in context of their motivation and their departure.

Key words

returnees, reemigration, Czechoslovakia, normalization, late socialism, State Security