

## **Abstract**

The aim of this bachelor thesis is to describe the development of TOP 09 as a new player in the party system of the Czech Republic. This party was established in 2009 and successfully ran for the Chamber of Deputies in 2010. In the theoretical part, this thesis presents three approaches to the theory of institutionalization, namely Samuel Huntington, Angelo Panebianco and Vicky Randall and Lars Svåsand. For the purpose of this work, the approach of Vicky Randall and Lars Svåsand have been used. The theory of institutionalization is crucial for describing a new party system actor and his ability to survive for more than one term. The empirical part introduces the development of the party system and various methods of its periodization. Subsequently, the formation and development of the TOP 09 party, their achievements in the elections to the Chamber of Deputies in 2010, 2013 and 2017 and the individual indicators needed for the application of the theory of institutionalization are described. In conclusion, the results of the investigation are evaluated and further research is recommended.