

Abstract

This master's thesis looks into sociological perspectives on shared housing, or cohousing, and it is based on a case study of a project in Těšíkovská bydlina. The thesis picks up on the sociological studies of the community, which narrow down the influence of communities, and neighborly relations on the formation of shared housing. The thesis also describes various models of living together and provides specific examples of cohousing projects in various European countries. The second part of the thesis places focus on the Bydlinská zahrádka project itself, where it employs the techniques of semi-structured interviews, narration and observation for a qualitative study of the community. Drawing on the data garnered in this research, this work criticizes Tönnies' concepts of *Gemeinschaft* and *Gesellschaft* and further places the principles of shared living in our country in comparison with modern European trends. The work thus brings out a unique perspective on the phenomenon of cohousing in the Czech context and contributes to the discussion of why this way of living finds such a small response in the Czech Republic.