

Abstract

The thesis „The role of Islam in present Europe with a view to France“ presents the general view to the dilemma of Islam immigration. This issue became more visible at the turn of the eighties and the nineties of the last century, when the figures of legal but also illegal Muslim immigrants began to increase together with demands of immigrants calling for emancipation and integration to the European society. Europe is still trying to find an acceptable form of co-existence with Muslims, which would be the compromise for both parts. Approximately 5 millions of Muslims are living today in France, which is the highest number among European countries. The target of this thesis is to describe the present state of the issue concerned and to try to find some possible solutions for the situation.

The reader, in the introductory passage, gets acquainted with the historical development of the Muslim immigration, the integrations´ models, depicting the ways of acceptance of foreigners to the European society in three countries with the biggest Muslim community - Germany, Great Britain and France - and the relation of the immigration policy and the legislature of the European union. The main part is focused on France and the way of co-existence with the Muslim believers. The historical introduction is more concentrated on the immigration policy and the trend of legislation, also in the sphere of naturalization. The concept of Laïcité is one of the main pillars of the French constitutionality, which is nevertheless creating, at the same time, some tensions between the state and the religious institutions and therefore is necessary to draw attention to it. The different branches of Islam (for example Salafism and the Tabligh, i.e. Foi et Pratique in France, and undeniably also the doctrine of Muslim Brotherhood) and their institutions have a big influence on Islam in France, too. The same applies to individual organizations, be it with support of the state or without. I tried to

outline, in the concluding chapters, possible solutions for more and more complicated communication between France and the Muslim migrants. Some of them are applicable to the other European states, for example the Euroislam.