

## **Title in English:**

# **Development of the English law between the 7<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> century on the example of the oldest Anglo-Saxon codes taking into account legal development in Danelaw**

## **Abstract in English**

This diploma thesis aims to describe the development of law in England between the 7th and 10th century, *i.e.* in the so-called Anglo-Saxon period of English history. During this period, especially in the 9th and 10th century, both the Anglo-Saxon kingdoms and the Scandinavian conquerors came to power alternately. At the same time, this period is characterized by the creation of Legal Codes in the individual kingdoms, by which the kings of the time regulated the most problematic legal issues.

In my work, I proceeded chronologically in terms of the law of Anglo-Saxons. Firstly, I made a historical introduction to Anglo-Saxon colonization using primary and secondary sources and provided an explanation of the most important institutions that occurred with minor variations in all Anglo-Saxon kingdoms. Subsequently, I focused on individual kingdoms, in which written sources in the form of the original Legal Codes have been preserved. Based on these primary and also secondary sources, I analysed the Codes, where I dealt with the legal institutes contained in them, then I compared the codes with each other and pointed out possible interconnections that occurred between some codes. For later, more extensive codes, I chose the procedure of analysing specific provisions within modern branches of law. From the point of view of Anglo-Saxon law, the culmination of the work is the analysis of the Code of King Alfred the Great.

In the last part of the work, I focused on the Scandinavian presence in England. Conquerors, mostly from Denmark, but also from Norway, brought their legal customs to England, and these were also reflected in the Codes. In this work, I provide a brief explanation of how the Danes established themselves in England on the basis of treaties concluded with the Anglo-Saxon kings. Subsequently, I note the differences between the law used between the Anglo-Saxons and the Danes. Finally, I provide a brief analysis of how the law of the Scandinavians affected the law of the Anglo-Saxon kingdoms and, through them, the future English law.