

Abstract

The subject of this bachelor's thesis is the issue of a drug abuse in Czechoslovakia between 1960 and 1989. The thesis also includes a part focused on a period before 1960 emphasizing events that fundamentally affected the main explored period. The time limit was chosen with regard to the similarity and continuity of the development in a drug abuse in the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s. Particular specifics of each period are analysed in detail in the chapters.

The thesis contains the chapters with interdisciplinary overlap that are essential for understanding of the whole subject. Chapter no. 2 contains a list of the most important laws and international conventions according that crimes related to a drug abuse, possession or dealing were judged. Chapter no. 3 mainly presents addictology, medicine and chemistry perspective and adds valuable information on effects of drugs mostly used in Czechoslovakia.

The other chapters examine a development of a drug addiction and trends during particular decades. Emphasis is put on connections among given periods and main factors possibly affecting the development.

The aim of the thesis based on a detailed research of a primary and secondary literature is to describe a development of a drug addiction in Czechoslovakia between 1960 and 1989, to identify key moments and events that could significantly affect next form of a drug addiction and to explore attitudes and reactions of the official state apparatus to a rapidly spreading problem.

The final thesis is a detailed probe into the history of a drug addiction in Czechoslovakia. Based on the analysis of sources and literature, the text seeks answers to the questions of what the form of the drug addiction was, why the form was just that, or what are the possible reasons for its expansion.

Keywords

Drugs, drug addiction, socialist Czechoslovakia, 1960s, 1970s and 1980