

This thesis applies the metaphor analysis to research how do the Czech politicians perceive foreign missions. Three conflicts are observed – the bombing of Yugoslavia and stabilization operation in Kosovo, the invasion to Afghanistan and ISAF and Enduring Freedom missions and the attack on Iraq and following reconstruction mission – and complemented by the analysis of the discussion on “war on terrorism”. The analysis of the cases show which metaphors do the Czech politicians use in order to defend or reject the missions. The results of the analysis of metaphors reveals, for example, which party emphasizes close relations with NATO or, which prefers the UN etc. Additionally, while analyzing the debates within the period of 10 years, the research offers some insights regarding the changes of the main Czech parties’s perceptions of each conflict and mission. The transcripts of speeches of the members of the lower chamber of parliament serve as the sources of the data. The research primarily builds on two metaphorical schemas originally brought into the field of security by Paul Chilton – LINK and CONTAINER.