

The proposed thesis deals with the attitudes to English borrowings in the Czech Republic, primarily examining their variability caused by age. Its main aim is to verify the assumption that growing age correlates with the tendency of Czech language users to have negative attitudes towards borrowings from English. In the theoretical part, selected aspects of the occurrence and perception of English borrowings in Czech are presented. Besides, some of the major issues considering the area of language attitudes are dealt with. The practical part gives an account of a questionnaire survey in which 165 respondents from three generations took part. The questions focus on the perception of frequency of English borrowings in Czech, the semantic transparency of these lexemes, the language users attitudes to English loanwords, as well as their predictions and concerns considering the further development of their mother tongue. The results suggest that older generations tend to have rather negative attitudes to the borrowings. Moreover, younger peoples assessment of anglicisms is not as decisively positive as originally hypothesised in the present analytical framework. Nevertheless, noticeable differences in language attitudes among age groups were confirmed.