

## **Abstract**

Diploma thesis *The Approval process of the Lisbon Treaty and its reflection in French and Czech press* deals with problematic two-year course of its ratification and with reflection of the accompanying events in the chosen journals. Together with continuing increase of European Union (hereinafter “EU”) member states, the EU heads had to react on challenges brought by such expansion. Therefore it resulted in elaboration of so called Lisbon Treaty (hereinafter “the Treaty”) that had been meant to replace the Treaty establishing a Constitution for Europe rejected by the France and the Netherlands in referendum in 2005. This new document has reformed the European institutions and has expanded the EU’s sphere of influence. The process of ratification that followed in the member states after signing of the Treaty has not occurred without difficulties. Germany and the Czech Republic challenged the Treaty before the constitutional courts and Ireland rejected it in the referendum. Despite all obstacles the process has finally been finished and the Treaty came into force as of December 1, 2009. During the whole two-year period Czech and French press monitored the events related to the mentioned document. The thesis tries to answer the following questions based on the analysis of the articles that appeared in journals of *Le Figaro*, *Le Monde*, *L’Humanité*, *MF Dnes*, *Lidové noviny* and *Právo*: Which important moments the newspaper informed about and what significance they assigned to them? Were the contributions of the dailies politically oriented? Did the dailies support or rather criticize the Treaty in their articles?