

The thesis captures the career of the Czech doctor and politician, Emanuel Engel (1844-1907). The aim of the thesis is to introduce this as yet little known figure from the Czech political scene in the second half of the 19th century in the whole range of his most important activities. Five chapters clarify which social background Engel came from, follow the period of his education, his educational activities abroad as well as his medical and then political career, which climaxed with his work as the chairman of the Young Czech Party in the Imperial Council in the 1880s and 1890s. The thesis is mainly based on Engel's written estate, stored in the Literary archive at the Monument for National Literature in Prague and is enriched by information gained from many other complementary sources. This is the first extensive biography, which captures the whole period of Engel's life.