

Abstract

This thesis aims to analyze the relationship between the Muslim community and the civil society. The community is narrowed down to practicing Muslims and three organizations in which Muslims unite. Churches and religious societies have a special status within the civil society due to their missionary work and the content of their religious activities. Do the religious organizations of the Muslim community stand on the verge of the civil society or do they strive for cooperation with the major public within the frame of common activities?

Czech society fears this minority due to a negative media picture of Muslims. Are those fears well-founded and can the religious community change this way of perceiving them? This negative perception can relate to an insufficient integration process which I also target in my thesis.

Muslims founded their first religious organizations on Czech territory during the First Republic, but it lost its legal validity after 1989. This thesis also deals with the legislative aspects of functioning of the selected organizations, mainly the Islamic foundation based in Prague and Brno.