

## **Abstract**

This Master thesis deals with the phenomenon of political movements and their impact on the rising party systems in the Central and Eastern Europe countries. Movements were found in the context of social and geopolitical changes in this region and they represented the original type of political organization that was different from other political parties of Western type.

The first part contains an analysis of the general theory of political parties and movements and their role in the process of democratic consolidation and stabilization of party systems. Part of the first ration that categorizes political movements in the context of theories of party families and the chapter containing the characteristics of political movements and rising party systems of selected countries in the region.

In the next section follows a study of selected texts of Czech political scientists concerning issues of political movement called Civic Forum (OF), which is used as a theoretical introduction to the chapter analyzing OF. Similar target implements the part examining the ideological roots of the movement and specific anti-political politics in the Czech political system.

The second part describes the effect of Civic Forum in the first two stages of the Czech party system development. In this part there is an analysis of the movement origin, the issue of internal organization, development of particular policies, opinion differences and causes and the way of its break-up. The final part is formed by characteristics of successional political parties (Civic Democratic Party, Civic Movement and Civic Democratic Alliance) and of their succession in parliamentary elections in June 1992.