## **Abstract**

The thesis deals with the life and work of the most significant political thinker of the 20<sup>th</sup> century Hannah Arendt. This work seeks to provide an overall view of her work and lays out the most important aspects of her work in the field of political thought. The thesis focuses on human condition, symptoms of crisis related to the loss of tradition of political thought, as well as the question of evil associated with the emergence of mass society and totalitarian regimes. An integral part of this thesis is the presentation of political concepts which repeatedly occur in Hannah Arendt's oeuvre, and which are undoubtedly essential for human political life.

**key words:** human condition – authority – freedom – crisis – totalitarism – evil – plurality – responsibility – tradition of political thought