

## **Abstract**

The thesis deals with the relation of social policy and budget policy of the Czech Republic in the period of 2000 – 2010. In the theoretical part there are explored principles, characteristics, functions, subjects and instruments of implementation of social policy. The concept of welfare state, its potentiality and limitations, including contemporary critical reflections, are discussed. As a theoretical background, in context of public choice theory, there is treated the question of political cycle influence on social policy. Attention is also focused on public budget system, particularly on the role of state budget. In the empirical part, aimed to deeper assessment of social dimension of the budget policy, are analysed data from the three electoral periods when different governments of social or civic democrats were enforcing different social policy. For electoral periods were collected and evaluated data regarding the four parameters: results of elections and government profile, legislation acts of social policy, macroeconomic limitations, and expenditures of the state budget on social policy. With the help of the SWOT method were compared separate periods and were presented answers to the hypotheses H1 and H2, validating that the government of social democrats did not prefer more strongly social policy, and also confirmed a long-term dependency of social policy on the state budget deficit and the growth of the state debt. This enabled to formulate some proposals of measures to harmonization of budget and social policy, first of all perceived with regard to a long-term political and social equilibrium within the framework of given economic limitations.