

## **Abstract**

This thesis deals with the institute of death penalty, from the point of view of international, european and national law. Thesis is focused on a few main areas, it describes the concept and function of punishment in general, the historical development of capital punishment, especially in czech lands, the current legislation related to the issues, regulation of the death penalty in selected states of the world, the issues of an exceptional punishment including legal requirements for its storage, methods of capital punishment which were used in the past including present methods, public opinion on death penalty and especially the arguments for and against the death penalty from the perspective of author.

The issues of an exceptional punishment is described more in detail in thesis, because author considers this issues an adequate alternative for capital punishment.