

ABSTRACT

After the change of political regime in the Czech Republic in 1989, the increasing population differentiation in the income levels and prices in housing market has occurred, as well as selective population mobility. It has resulted in an increasing socio-spatial differentiation at all hierarchy levels. This thesis analyses evaluates and compares the changes of socio-spatial structure of the city of Kladno in the post-socialist transformation period with emphasis on housing estates, which position in the city in terms of social status of the population are expected to decrease gradually. For achieving the goal the quantitative methods were used to analyse the Census data from 1991, 2001 and 2011 at the urban district level. The work is based on the concepts of socialist and post-socialist city. The theoretical part also includes changes of housing estates in Czech cities and some selected post-socialist cities of Central and Eastern Europe. The historical development of the city of Kladno is also included, focusing on its transformation of the social and socio-spatial structure.

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