

This thesis analyzes Brazilian Foreign Policy in the second half of twentieth century. The case study on relations between Czechoslovakia and Brazil during the Cold War is the core of the dissertation. The study is based on unpublished materials from Czech archives. The case study is preceded by two sections: first one deals with tradition and development of Brazilian foreign policy, describes the forming of Brazil-US special relationship and the positions of Brazil in the international politics. Second chapter defines key milestones of the Brazilian Foreign Policy in the second half of 20th century for the purposes of the case study and for better understanding of the context. It focuses on relationship with Eastern Bloc, United States and Western Europe. The chapter is divided into six periods. Same periodization is then used for the case study. A chapter on the tradition of relations between Czechoslovakia and Brazil before 1945 and a chapter on the Czechoslovak intelligence service activities in Brazil are added to the case study. The case study primarily deals with political and trade relations.

The case study shows us that the trade was crucial for upholding the relations. Both countries not only stood against each other in the Cold War setting, but Czechoslovakia actively supported the opposition during the most of military authoritarian regime in Brazil. Trade relationship was mutually beneficial for both parties: Czechoslovakia was not only an export destination for Brazil, but also source of important technologies that Brazil needed for its industrialization. Based on the results of the case study we formulate characteristic features of Brazilian Foreign Policy for the second half of 20th century: pragmatism, economic development as a unifying factor for different foreign policy approaches in the given periods, importance of relations with the United State for Brazilian Foreign Policy. More detailed analysis of Brazil-Czechoslovakia relations also served us to compare main goals of foreign policy in given periods with their application in reality of diplomatic praxis.