

Abstract

This bachelor thesis entitled *Coexistence of the majority society and Muslims in Teplice* deals with issue of coexistence the citizens of Šanov district in Teplice. The largest Muslim community in Northern Bohemia is in Teplice and every year durring summer a high number of Muslims arrives in Teplice to spa. Muslims go primarily to the spa in the Šanov district and lived there for several months. Muslims concentrate mainly in park and spa situated in Šanov district. The citizens of Teplice reacted negatively to the growing number of Muslims and they complained of mess and noise. The first part of this thesis analyses theoretical concepts such as integration of immigrants and Muslims in the Czech Republic, new xenophobia, attitudes of the majority society to Muslims, the concept of the „us“ and „them“, contact hypothesis and describes the life of Muslims in Teplice. The second part of the thesis deals with the methodology of research and selection of the informants and, above all, with the analysis of the interviews. Using semi-structured qualitative interviews, this thesis explores attitudes of the majority society living in the Šanov district to Muslims and problems and positive of this coexistence. This thesis laid emphasis on the personal experience of informants. The result of the analysis came to conclusion that the majority society living in the Šanov district perceives Muslims mostly negatively. Finally is outlined what kind of contact has a positive influence on the coexistence of the majority society and the Muslims in heat.