

## Summary

This thesis *Secularisation: Comparison of Czech and French Case* deals with the phenomenon of secularisation in the area of modern European societies. Presenting approaches of different sociologists of religion it acquaints with historical conditions of secularisation, explains the secularisation thesis and its actual validity. Then it focuses on secularisation in the Czech Republic and in France. In the case of the Czech Republic it mostly deals with aspects of the Czech religiosity. It examines its probable historical causes and presents its actual manifestations. First of all it emphasizes the mistrust of the Czech society of the institutionalized religiosity, the popularity of the alternative religiosity, explains the concept of the „Czech atheism“ and shows several particular characteristics of the religious behaviour of the Czech people. In the case of France it describes the way to the unique form of secularity born in the French milieu so called *laïcité* on the basis of a complicated historical process. It describes its gradual assertion, its actual form and its confrontation with the current development of the society. It also tries to compare both above mentioned cases, searches their common aspects as well as their completely unique elements in order to widely describe different forms of secularisation in the European area.

