

Abstract

This diploma work deals with the topic of integration of foreigners in the Czech Republic, which is a subject actual across many fields. The aim of this work is to inform about the position of foreigners in Czech society. The thesis is divided into two parts, the theoretical and practical.

The first part of the thesis dealing with the theory in the given area strives to include the legislative regulation of general residence permits for foreigners in the Czech Republic, furthermore, the specifics in various areas of everyday life compared to the majority society and of course the integration process itself. This part of the thesis is written on the basis of current Czech legislation, sources from the literature, as well as personal experience from the position of a social worker at the Center for the Support of Integration of Foreigners in Benešov.

The practical part is then devoted to qualitative research in the form of narrative interviews with foreigners with diverse origins and the current type of residence permit whose life stories are processed in the form of case studies and then compared in selected areas. During the elaboration of the practical part, the aim was to show the diversity of life stories of foreigners living in the Czech Republic for a long time and thus point out the fact that foreigners cannot be approached as a homogeneous group.

I presume that this thesis is balanced in terms of content and can provide the reader with enough information about the current position of foreigners in the Czech Republic. While the theoretical part gives a basic overview, the practical part will introduce the reader to the lives of selected foreigners living in the Czech Republic. The aim of the work, stated at the beginning of writing, was to describe the current position of foreigners in the Czech Republic and the everyday problems they face and also to show diversity among foreigners, I, therefore, consider fulfilled.