

Abstract

The aim of this thesis is to explore how the czech-slovak society of the years 1990-1993 relates to the past. The study utilizes the concept of ideal-typical narratives by Tomáš Šniegoň and critical discourse analysis by Norman Fairclough. The goal is to examine the role of establishing the joint Czech and Slovak state in various narratives, based on the foundation day of the Czechoslovak Republic in 1918, which is 28 October. The associated question is who represented which narrative and what they were trying to achieve. The principal source materials include records from the sessions of each chamber of parliaments and national full-size newspapers from both the Czech and Slovak Republics. Using these sources, I analyze both the political and social reception of 28 October. I examine various layers of interpretation attributed to this date, with a specific focus on the mutual relationship between Czech and Slovak society.