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Annotation to the Dissertation Thesis

Role a postavení žen ve vrcholné politice v Československu v letech 1948-1968

The role and status of women in top politics in Czechoslovakia in the years 1948-1968

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Annotation:

The aim of dissertation thesis is to comprehensively assess and analyze the role and participation of women in top level politics in Czechoslovakia in the years 1948-1968. Selected time period belongs in terms of political participation of women to the less studied. The dissertation deals with and explores the relevance of the three basic kinds of factors affecting the proportion of women in top level politics (institutional, socio-economic and cultural), with regard to the specifics of a given type of undemocratic political regime, the pervasive communist ideology and the leading role of the Communist Party.

Cultural factors include historical tradition of female political participation in Czechoslovakia, women's issues in the communist ideology and its application in the USSR and Czechoslovakia in practice. Socio-economic factors include living standard of population, level of education, level of industrialization of the country and more. Institutional factors then include characteristic of the political system, the type of electoral system, electoral laws and other measures in terms of their impact on the representation of women in political office.

The main focus is on the role and activity of women in the National Assembly in the years 1948-1968 from a qualitative and quantitative aspects and its transformation during the four successive election periods, briefly dedicated also to women in the Central Committee of the Communist Party and in the government in this period and to the war experiences of women politicians which were very similar.

According to my hypothesis the pivotal role will have the geopolitical factor, the relevance of other factors important in democratic political systems won't be essential, because they were influenced by, enforced or introduced from the top leadership of the Communist Party.