

# **Determination of the state border between Czechoslovakia and Poland**

## **Abstract**

This thesis deals with the question of determination of the state border between Czechoslovakia and Poland. The first chapter deals with issues related to the formation of both states and the concept of common borders, which were prepared by leading members of the Czechoslovak political representation during the World War. This chapter also deals with the presentation of the territorial requirements of Czechoslovakia at the Paris Peace Conference and related diplomatic negotiations in the context of this peace conference.

The second chapter focuses on the issue of Těšínsko, which may have become the most important aspect of border disputes between the two countries concerned. The individual subchapters discuss in detail the establishment of Czechoslovak and Polish authorities in this area, their mutual negotiations, as well as the subsequent military engagement. However, special attention is given to the issue of following diplomatic negotiations, the planned referendum and, finally, the decision of the Conference of Ambassadors, as a result of which the disputed territory of Těšínsko was divided.

The third chapter of this thesis focuses on the territory of Orava and Spiš. There was a further conflict of Czechoslovak and Polish interests in the determination of the state border. Finally, in the fourth part of this thesis attention is paid to other sections of the state border. At the same time, special attention is also focused on the other parts of the Czechoslovak-Polish state border. The question of the Border Treaty from Sévres is not omitted as well.

The fifth chapter then examines the last phase of the process of determining the state border, it means its delimitation and demarcation, as well as the related regulation of legal relations. Particular attention is given to the border in the area of Javorina in the Spiš region, which became the subject of negotiations on the level of important international institutions of that time, for example the Permanent Court of International Justice in The Hague.

## **Key words**

- state border
- political negotiations
- legal base
- delimitation
- demarcation