

Abstract

In this master thesis I focus on the news presenters at the public broadcaster Radiožurnál which is part of Czech Radio. My aim is to map their role in the station's broadcasting and to describe the factors that influence them in the processes of the selection of news and the compilation of news reports. I will also try to define the positions that are involved in the creation of the entire newscast. The main theoretical concept of the whole thesis is gatekeeping. I will also present possible organizational structures of newsrooms, the definition of journalism profession or the anchoring of Czech Radio in the Czech media system. The research part is based on the analysis of twenty semi-structured interviews with news presenters and staff of the central newsroom. In the thesis I answer the question of how the news coverage of the Radiožurnál station is produced. I also look at the role of news presenters in terms of professional requirements and the degree of journalistic autonomy. Finally, I analyse the factors that influence news presenters in their work in terms of media organization, media routines and individual level.