

Abstract

This final thesis, *Czech diaspora policy, its dimensions and international context*, is focused on the diaspora policy of Czechia towards the population living abroad. It consists of several parts. The first part introduces the thesis with the key concepts that appear in it. The theoretical part will introduce the concept of diaspora policies. It will then briefly summarise the history and current situation of emigration from the territory of Czechia, the development of Czech diaspora policy in the European context and the activities of the main institutions dedicated to the diaspora. In the practical part, I will introduce different approaches to comparing diaspora policies and I will analyse the diaspora policy of Czechia using the multiple correspondence analysis schemes introduced by Ragazzi (2014) in his article. Based on this analysis, the policies of Czechia will be evaluated. The thesis will be enriched by the results of interviews with representatives of main institutions involved in diaspora policy making.

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Based on the findings, we can summarise that Czechia is a state which has granted many rights to its population abroad. It is typical for Czech diaspora politics that the target groups are the traditional diaspora as well as the contemporary, highly qualified migratory groups (expatriates). The needs of these two groups are different, as is the politics that targets them.

Based on collected data, we can say that the policy of Czechia towards people living abroad is very dynamic because it targets two groups with slightly different needs and experiences. This situation is shared by other Central and Eastern European nations.

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