

## **Abstract**

The diploma thesis entitled *Negotiating consent and sexual intimacy in the Czech Republic* is devoted to sexual consent and its problematic definition. The aim of the thesis is to find out how experts in the field of criminal law, specifically lawyers, perceive the limits of consensual behavior in the Czech Republic. Lawyers play a key role in shaping the legal system and have a great influence on public attitudes. The thesis focuses on the definition of sexual consent and the factors that influence the definition of sexual consent in society. These factors include cultural attitudes, social myths, sexual scripts and the legal system of a given society. The thesis is further focused on sexual consent in the field of criminal law, on the definition of rape in the Czech legal system and on its practical shortcomings. The possibility of redefinition of rape and the influence of participants in criminal proceedings on this issue are analyzed. The practical part is aimed at lawyers who deal with criminal law. The thesis is focused on the "weaknesses" of the current legal system, and it was examined how lawyers who navigate the legal system evaluate the currently set system, how they define sexual consent and its transgression, how they frame the social discussion and how their gender ideas manifest themselves in the issue. At the end of the thesis, it explains why the simple perception of sexual consent is problematic, why prejudices against victims still appear in rape judgments, and why as a society we are still so far from a "culture of consent".