

Abstract (in English):

The subject of the thesis is the Tailors' Association in Prague, which was founded in 1911 by the merger of the three main Prague associations. The thesis analyses the organisational structure and activities of the trade association from its foundation to the end of the First Czechoslovak Republic. It focuses on its economic, status, social and cultural functions (educational and enlightenment activities). The thesis examines how the association did or did not fulfil the roles given by the legal framework, how it influenced the business environment of Prague and whether its influence extended to other regions, what role it played for its members and how this changed over time. The basis of the thesis is the elaboration of the surviving archival material using professional periodicals. The thesis thus contributes both to the knowledge of trade associations as a specific type of organisation of trade entrepreneurs in the first half of the 20th century and to the development of the tailoring craft in the Czech lands.