

Abstract

This diploma thesis focuses on Ukrainian refugee children who came to the Czech Republic due to the war conflict in Ukraine and examines their perspective on integration into the Czech Republic. It discusses the obstacles these children face in integrating into the Czech environment, the position of Ukrainian refugee children in the issue of integration into the Czech Republic, why it is important to consider them as public policy actors, and the contribution of research with children. The theoretical concepts of migration and integration are the mainstays of the thesis, which is specified into the theoretical concept of social integration and its sub-aspects. Furthermore, the thesis uses the foreign model by Häkli and Kallio (2013), which posits the child as an agent in the political process. The practical part of the research includes findings from participant observation in an adaptation group in the non-profit organization Na zámečku Mother Centre in Nové Město nad Metují and is complemented by an interview with a child psychologist from Ukraine.