

Delimitation of the state territory of the Czech Republic and changes to state borders

Abstract

The diploma thesis focuses on the analysis of the state territory and state borders of the Czech Republic. In particular, it focuses on the historical development and current legislation that shapes the state borders of the present Czech Republic.

Initially, I focus on the true core of border law. Given that the state territory is based on the Constitution of the Czech Republic, I analyse the constitutional provisions and related laws that form the legal basis of border law, its protection and other key aspects.

Further, I analyse the constitutional and historical development of the Czech Republic since the dissolution of Austria-Hungary after the First World War, which represents the rebirth of the borders of an independent and sovereign Czech state (or Czechoslovakia). The historical chapter discusses the changes and other events concerning the state borders before and after the Second World War, the period of socialism, the emergence of the federation and the establishment of the independent Czech Republic.

Since the legal norms and international treaties concerning state borders are very specific and demanding, I devote one chapter directly to the process of translating an international treaty into the real world; this is a description of the workload of the so-called border commissions, whose work in the field of state borders is quite crucial.

In closure, and with equal importance I am engaged in a detailed analysis of all applicable legal norms and treaties concluded within the state borders with our neighbours. I analyse only the relevant treaties that are still applicable to the Czech Republic or are very closely related to the currently applicable regulations.

The diploma thesis is intended to be a comprehensive overview of the development of the state borders of our republic, the reader is introduced to all the important historical context, the specific way in which the border lines are drawn in the field, the constitutional and other laws that shape the borders, and finally the annotated regulation of international treaties with our neighbours on the state borders and the regime of their functioning. The reader is also provided with maps at the end of the work, which are referred to in the text for a better understanding.