

## **Abstract**

This master thesis investigates the relationship between the politicization of LGBTQ+/queer rights and the modes of transnational solidarity pursued by LGBTQ+ activists in the context of Slovakia. The study identifies that the increasing visibility of queer rights in the public discourse leads to polarization and political backlash against activists and civil society organizations (CSOs) that focus on LGBTQ+ rights. Following the trend of politicization, CSOs pursue solidarity abroad. I conduct a thematic analysis of semi-structured interviews with local CSOs operating in Slovakia. The results highlight three main modes through which organizations seek transnational solidarity concerning the politicization of LGBTQ+ rights in Slovakia: first, by pursuing resources and financial means as compensation for the public underfinancing of the nongovernmental sector in Slovakia. Secondly, activists seek solidarity as a form of encouragement and to generate pressure on the opposing political forces. Finally, the search for transnational solidarity constitutes a response to the local adaptation of global political backlash against LGBTQ+ rights. The findings contribute to a better understanding of the interplay between local activism in a relatively hostile political environment and the pursuit of transnational solidarity.