

## **Abstract**

Non-binary gender identities have been relatively underrepresented in academia, especially in the context of the Czech Republic, where an academic discussion of those identities is nearly absent. Within the sociology of sexuality, limited attention has been paid to non-binary gender identities; most of the research in this sociological field instead focuses on experiences with intimacy and sexuality of men and women. Therefore, in my bachelor's thesis, I aim to link research focusing on non-binary experiences with one focused on sexuality and its social construction. I am examining how sexuality and romantic relationships are experienced by non-binary people in the Czech Republic. Based on 10 in-depth interviews that I conducted, I use thematic analysis to study experiences of those individuals with romantic and/or sexual relationships, while employing the frameworks and conceptual apparatus provided by Queer Theory and the sociology of sexuality. Judith Butler's gender performativity, Adrienne Rich's compulsory heterosexuality, heteronormativity and sexual scripts therefore represent key theoretical concepts for this thesis. While using these concepts, I am focusing on how participants relate to the practices associated with dating, the development of a romantic relationship, negotiating the boundaries and forms of a romantic relationship, the household and the institution of family. To a limited extent, I also address the influence of age differences between individual participants on their dating experiences. The age structure of my sample ranges from 18 to 45 years.