

Abstract

This bachelor's thesis focuses on the experience of Christmas Eve in selected communities of the Josef Lada Microregion in present and in earlier times, with a focus on the Christmas Eve dinner. The thesis examines customs, folklore and other cultural practices associated with the Christmas Eve dinner. The theoretical part examines changes in the Christmas Eve cultural practices during the 19th and 20th centuries in comparison with the concept of contemporary Christmas at the beginning of the 21st century. The empirical part of the thesis is based on qualitative research, with interviews being the primary methodological approach. The content of the thesis mainly explores how people of working age spend this evening and what cultural practices they follow during the Christmas Eve dinner.

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Christmas Eve dinner, Christmas Eve, Christmas, rituals, traditions, Czech Lands, 19th century, 20th century, 21st century