

Abstract

This bachelor thesis examines Miloš Zeman's attempts at executive aggrandizement during his presidential term from 2013 to 2023. The thesis is based on Nancy Bermeo's theory of democratic backsliding and employs the principles of a case study. Its aim is to answer the question of whether these attempts occurred, within which powers, at the expense of which institutions, and what their possible response or degree of resilience was. Out of the 22 presidential powers regulated by Article 62 and 63 of the Constitution, the thesis examines only those relevant to the concept of executive aggrandizement based on two established criteria. Based on findings, the thesis also evaluates the success of these attempts.