

Abstract

Doctoral thesis "*Bulgarians in the Czech Republic - cultural parameters, immigration and social integration process in the present*" is about an ethnic Bulgarian minority in the present. It questions their immigration, integration and social status in the Czech environment. The thesis discusses how to integrate the Bulgarians and their own position on it. Integration is seen as a unifying and ongoing process, secure cultural identity elements that are defined in this work as "integrative elements". In connection with this process, the dissertation looks identity of Bulgarians from two aspects - one of the cultural-historical discourse, and one of identity in terms of everyday experience. The research analyzes the experience of the identity of the Bulgarians in everyday life and culture that defines the parameters of their self-identification in the context of ongoing acculturation changes during a stay in a foreign environment for their adaptation. The research draws conclusions that the Bulgarians in the Czech Republic are integrating active and trying to build their own strategy for integration into Czech society.

Keywords

Immigration, identity, integration, national minority, cultural symbols