

## **Abstract**

The diploma thesis that is presented is focused on courtyards in the capital city of the Czech Republic, in Prague. Courtyard is defined as a semi-public area enclosed by buildings and open to the sky. These areas were formed from the turn of the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century to the second half of the 20th century. The utility function was the original function of courtyards. This case study focuses on a specific courtyard and tries to analyse current functions of courtyards. How can courtyards contribute to a better life quality in cities and which decision-making processes can aim to their optimal utilization? This thesis tries to contribute to the theoretical description of courtyards and define them as a place important for a living and compact city.

## **Key words**

urbanism, public area, semi-public area, courtyards, case study