

**Annotations of works by the team studying social transformation and modernisation, Institute of Sociology, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic in Prague**

New Books

**J. Krejčí and P. Machonin: Czechoslovakia 1918-1992. A Laboratory for Social Change**

Houndmills, Basingstoke and London, Macmillan 1996 (in association with St Anthony's College, Oxford); New York, St Martin's Press 1996, 266 pp.

The book is divided into three parts. The first (written by J. Krejčí) on ethnopoltics is devoted to the analysis of the complicated ethnical relationships in pre-war and post-war Czechoslovakia, with the accent on the gradual Slovak emancipation. The second part (by the same author) contains an outline of the economic context of ethnic and social aspects of the development, systematically comparing the situation in the Czech Lands and Slovakia. The third part (by Pavel Machonin) is called "Social Metamorphoses" and covers social and political structural changes in Czech and Slovak societies. As a whole, this monograph brings the first systematic information about the recent history of societal changes in one of the most interesting present-day post-communist countries addressed in English to international specialists.

**P. Machonin and M. Tuček (eds.): Česká společnost v transformaci. K proměnám sociální struktury [Czech Society in Transformation. To the Metamorphoses of Social Structure]**

Written in Czech with a summary and table of contents in English. Praha, SLON 1996, 364 pp.

This book, written by a team of sociologists of various generations, represents a pendant to the pioneer work of a team led by P. Machonin "Československá společnost" [*Czechoslovak Society. A Sociological Analysis of Social*

*Stratification*] published in 1969. It is based on a comparison of the results of stratification surveys in 1984 and 1993 and many other data, and brings systematic information about all important issues concerning class structure and/or stratification, social mobility, social-psychological perceptions, and factors influencing their developments. Some interest might be evoked by the comparison of the results of the application of internationally used class and status indices and the Czech multidimensional social status construction. The book raises many new questions concerning the present-day problems and further prospects of the post-communist transformation in a once highly developed Central European industrial country.

**P. Machonin, P. Šťastnová, P. Kroupa, A. Glasová: Strategie sociální transformace v České republice a jejich úspěšnost v parlamentních volbách 1996 [Strategies of Social Transformation in the Czech Republic and their Results in the 1996 Parliamentary Elections]**

Brno, Doplňek 1996, 134 pp.

This book combines the approaches typical of both sociology and political science. It is based on a theoretical definition of possible and more or less probable tendencies of social developments in Czech post-communist society, and corresponding strategies of social and political actors. These are concretised and illustrated by means of the statements of their top representatives and of their programme concerning two points: the evaluation of the achievements of the transformation, and the vision of the future. On the basis of this qualitative analysis, a prognosis about the prospects of the strategies to be applied in societal reality is formulated. Finally, this is confronted with the quantitative analysis of the results of the Czech parliamentary elections in 1996 and the social composition of the electorates supporting the institutional representatives of the most important strategies.

Some Recent Working Papers of the Institute of Sociology, AS CR in Prague

**M. Tuček: Zpráva o vývoji sociální struktury české a slovenské společnosti 1945-1993 [A Report on the Developments of Social Structure in Czech and Slovak Societies 1945-1993]**

WP 96/6, 80 pp.

The paper represents an original overview of data from both sociological and statistical sources concerning the changes in: class structure, economic activity and its branches and occupational structure, structure of educational background, characteristics of political elites, material standards of households and structure of leisure activities, and in distribution of multidimensional social status indices.

**P. Machonin: Socio-Economic Changes in the Czech Republic, with an Appendix Concerning the 1996 Election Results**

WP 96/10, 39 pp.

A sociological analysis of the Czech post-communist societal transformation (new elites, social differentiation, new classes, attitudes and political preferences, long-term outlooks – social transformation and modernisation). Presented at an international Friedrich Ebert Foundation conference in Prague in April 1996. The prognosis of political preferences is supplemented by the results of the subsequent Parliamentary elections, which show a satisfactory level of verification.

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