## Contents

Abstract	9
Abstrakt	10
Abstraktum	11
Introduction	13
Úvodní slovo	17
Ein Wort zur Einführung	19
1. THE PRINCIPLES AND METHODS OF COMMUNIST RULE IN GENERAL	
1.1 How Socialist Legality Served to Guarantee the Influence of the Communist	
Party and Socialist Organisations (Jiří Kabele)	25
Abstract	25
Keywords	25
The Broader Normative Framework of the Life of Socialist Society	26
The Scope of Powers of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia	28
The Scope of Powers and the Relations among Socialist Organisations	32
Economic-legal relations	34
Labour-legal relations	37
Civil-legal relations	38
Conclusion	40
References	41
1.2 Party Tasks and the Modern Age (Tomáš Holeček)	43
Abstract	43
Keywords	43
Introduction	44
The Bodies Responsible for Assigning Tasks	44
Types of Tasks	44
The Assignment of Tasks	46
The Modern Age	47
Defining Tasks	47

The Legacy of Tasks Materials from the Regional Archive in Brno	48 48
1.3 The Reverse Control Pyramid of the Socialist Economy (Lubomír	Mlčoch) 49
Abstract	49
Keywords	49
Introduction: Looking Back Twenty Years Later	50
The Closed Hierarchical System	52
The Control Pyramid and the Control Vertical	53
The Reverse Control Pyramid	55
Institutional Economics and the Lessons for Today's World	57
References	59
1.4 Socialist Rules and Orders: The Case of the Communist Party of C	
(Jiří Kabele)	61
Abstract	61
Keywords	61
Introduction	62
Hierarchical Statutory Codes	65
A structuralist-inspired description of codes	65
The armatures of socialist hierarchical statutory codes	67
The Statutes of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia	70
Rules of Procedure	71
The armature of the rules of procedure	71
The rules of procedure of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Czeo	
Conclusion	75
References	76
2. THE FORMS OF COMMUNIST RULE AT VARIOUS LEVELS	
2.1 Party Rule at the Highest Level - Selected Issues (Martin Hájek)	79
Abstract	79
Keywords	79
Introduction	80
Leadership of the Party, the State, and Society	81
The leading role of the party	
The testimony of lists	82
The Presidium	83
The Secretariat	84
The Central Committee and the apparatus of the Communist Party of Czechoslov	
Rule over the Party	85
Democratic centralism	85
Structural similarity	86
Reinforcing the centre	87

Rule over Society	88
Directly controlled party organisations	89
The hierarchical structure of all organisations	89
The Problem of Dual Rule	90
The union of the party and the government at the level of senior leadership	91
The problem of responsibility	92
The example of the reorganisation of the central state organs	93
The example of Czechoslovak Television during the revolution in November 1989	94
Conclusion	95
References	96
2.2 Late Communist Rule at the District Level (Zdenka Vajdová)	97
Abstract	97
Keywords	97
The Theoretical Concept and the Specific Situation Examined in the Study	98
Experiences and Empirical Data at the District Tier	101
Example 1 – Meetings of the district committee of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia	
in district N. are made more accessible	102
Example 2 – The results of meetings from the presidium of the district committee	
of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia are made more accessible	103
Conclusion	104
References	105
2.3 The Organs of the Local and Municipal National Committees in the System	
of Communist Power (Lukáš Valeš)	107
Abstract	107
Keywords	108
References	118
2.4 Territorial Governance, Settlement Hierarchies and the Project	
for the Urbanisation of Slovakia (Simon Smith)	119
Abstract	119
Keywords	119
Introduction	120
National Committees	121
Hierarchical integration	121
Local coalitions	123
The Construction of Central and Marginal Spaces	126
Conclusion	129
References	131
2.5 Communists in Central Slovakian Villages (Josef Kandert)	133
Abstract	133
Keywords	133
References	141
	-,

## 3. COMMUNIST RULE AND INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE MEMORY

3.1 The Use of Pe	ersonal Biograph:	ical In	format	ion und	der the (	Communist	Regime	
in Czechoslovakia (Jiřina Šiklová)								145
Abstract								145
Keywords								145
References								155
Summaries								157