

Abstract

The main topic of the Bachelor thesis called "*Fridrich Falcký. A stranger in the captivity of the Winter kingdom.*" focuses on the personality of the Duke and Elector Palatine Frederick V., whose character and a specific way behavioral shaped the image of the "Winter King" among inhabitants of Prague at that time, as well as in the following centuries. Presented work has the ambition to formulate the importance of his personal during defense of the Bohemian Revolt, in the context of the policy of the Confederation of state lands of the Czech crown. Based on the historical source material is also trying to analyze the overall approach of Frederick Palatine to the question of Czech project unified states. Therefore, the research period is limited at between 1619-1620, i.e. from the king's election (August 1619) to the departure, after the Battle of White Mountain (November 1620). During processing the topic has been overstep in terms of time, specially in the analysis of the state in the Czech lands before the arrival of Frederick Palatine to Prague and then during the processing of the selectively probe of the image of the "winter king" in the Czech historical memory.

The basis for the study of this topic was mainly Czech, but also German sources, pamphlet journalism and extanted personal correspondence directly related to the analysed period. The present work has been drawn up on the study specialised literature published in Czech, German as well as English.

The aim of the Bachelor thesis is to highlight the issues of co-operation of different early-modern mentalities, first of all the newly arrived king, in contrast to the Czech conservative-provincial environment. Moreover, it is trying to focus on the issue of the influence of Frederick of the Palatinate during defending a idea of confederation. Moreover, the conflicting moments of the "winter reign" are essential for the work, among which certain tendency of Calvinist are clearly realized.

Research confirmed that Frederick V. has adopted the vision of the state experimen as his religious duty, but his own dilatoriness and attitude to a systematic solution to the military or economic crisis have prevented any initiative to resolve the situation in the kingdom.

In addition, the leader of the Protestant Union did not ensure support in the international area, this had led to the deepening of the White Mountain crisis. Besides, certain germanization tendencies was promoting during the "winter king" in the Czech environment, through which the traditional Czech culture was sidelined.

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