

## **Abstract**

The main purpose of this bachelor's thesis is to describe the position and life of women first more generally in the Middle Ages and then especially in the late Medieval city, mainly in Brno. Alternatively, there might be a little overlap in some parts into the early modern period. The basic source is the Legal Book of the City of Brno, especially its three-volume edition published in 1990–1993.

First of all is described the source including its origin and its edition, afterwards theory of women and her life ensues and following parts are already the examples from the Legal Book which concern women.

At the beginning the thesis deals with laws, regulations and opportunities for women, then the specific cases follow, in which women appeared in various positions. The work tries to find out which rights and powers in the late medieval city women had – whether they could act in different positions in court, or whether they had a guardian or their spouses acted for them. How the woman was treated in court, their appearance before municipal institutions, how the right of heritage applied to them, disposition of property, women's wills, rights to children, relationship to children (whether the administration of children's property was performed by a woman or guardian/lawyer), the status of widowed woman, qualification to run a farm or the husband's trade, how did they participate in property shifts, the question is whether the woman could swear, how it was about solving the abduction of a woman, the circumstances of their ability to get married directly in Brno, the activities of literate women in business and its development, work, accounting, correspondence and their involvement families to run the household and work.

## **Keywords**

woman, status, Brno, city, the Legal Book of the City of Brno, late medieval