

Deaths in the Psychiatric hospital Kateřinky in 1911–1925

Abstract

This bachelor thesis deals with mentally ill people who died in Psychiatric hospital in Prague at the beginning of the 20th century. The aim of the thesis was to analyse the structures of the dead in the Psychiatric hospital Kateřinky in 1911–1925. The analysis was built mainly based on data from register of the dead 1911–1925. Austrian statistics and the Demographic Yearbook were used to compare the structure of the dead in Psychiatric hospital with structures of the dead in Bohemia. Structures of the dead were analysed by common statistical, demographic and geographical procedures, in terms of gender and age, marital status, social status, place of birth, place of residence, diagnoses (causes of death), length of hospital stay and seasonality of death. From the results of the analyses, it was found that the structure of dead in the institute is very specific from the population of the dead in Bohemia in all aspects examined.

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