

## **Abstract and keywords**

The theme of this thesis is the history of the town Pardubice in the second half of the 16<sup>th</sup> century, especially in the 1560<sup>s</sup> and 1570<sup>s</sup> when the town became the property of the king. This was the end of the period in which the Pernstejn family had owned this land for 70 years and which is deeply studied because it is considered to be „the golden age“ of the town and surrounding demesne. However, the purpose of the following pages is to inform about the development of the town and its inhabitants after the sale of the Pardubice demesne to the royal chamber. All the conclusions are made on the basis of read up literature and archival documents, in particular. The thesis mainly refers to the social structure and interaction of particular groups, authorities of the town (eventually the surrounding demesne) and the town justice – both civil just and criminal law. The intention of this thesis is to obtain some new pieces of knowledge of the regional history, and at the same time to prepare the basis for further studies of the history of Pardubice in the early modern period.

**The key words:** Pardubice, townspeople, authorities, justice