

Abstract

Title of the thesis: *Daniel Essertier from the Czech point of view*

This work is dedicated to the life and work of Daniel Essertier (1888–1931), French philosopher and sociologist, who was sent to Prague in 1920 by the French Government to become a professor at the newly established *French Institute*, at that time a major French cultural institution in former Czechoslovakia. The aim of this work is to research thoroughly as much detail as possible so as to reconstruct the life of this gifted thinker whose life was ended by a tragic accident. Therefore upon reporting his scientific activities, the thesis will then reconstruct the untreated fraction of the history of the *French Institute* in Prague and the Czech-French relations.

Keywords: Daniel Essertier, *French Institute* in Prague, French philosophy and sociology of the 20th century, Czech-French relations.