

Abstract

This rigorous thesis deals with the legal aspects of the Czech guild system and defines these aspects from the beginning of the existence of guilds in the Czech lands to the demise of the guild system in 1860 caused by the Trades Licensing Act of 1859.

It describes the situation in the municipality and municipal law, describes in detail guild government and deals with rights and duties of every guild member. The fundamental part of the thesis is concerned with the matter of guild legislature manifested in guild statutes and later also in central trade regulations made by the sovereign.