

**Abstract (in English):**

This bachelor thesis follows the history of sword making from the beginning of 16<sup>th</sup> century to 1739 in three independent Prague towns – in Old Town, New Town and Lesser Town. Prague sword makers were organised in craft organisations – in guilds, therefore is this thesis closely connected with the history of guilds as well.

Sword making represents much specialised craft, which emancipated during the Middle Ages from blacksmith thanks to the extraordinary consumption and distribution possibilities of Prague cities. Sword making became well developed in the second half of 15<sup>th</sup> century and this situation resulted in founding of guilds. Thanks to its dominant position during the whole examined century, the Old Town guild became the most significant guild in the Kingdom of Bohemia.

This thesis corrects previous knowledge of Prague sword making, gives review of extant sources, which are deposited in Prague City Archives and in National Archives and presents reconstruction of life in the guild of Prague sword makers in early modern period based on contemporary documents.