Abstract:

This article examines the development and history of the Haštal quarter in the Old Town of Prague. It predominantly addresses the twentieth century, which saw the greatest changes in the area, but earlier periods are also brought into consideration, especially the flourishing of the Monastery of St. Agnes and the related development of the Haštalská quarter.

Within the twentieth century, the article focuses on the period of ghetto clearance. This period is examined not only within the framework of urbanism but also from the viewpoint of everyday life. In the latter aspect I relied upon the literary account by Géza Vělička. The historical background then serves as the basis of a critical reflection of the current state of the quarter.