

At the end of the 15th century the hitherto cordial relations between Lithuania, Poland and Muscovy that had prevailed in previous decades took on a strongly confrontational nature. It is this initial phase of clashes between these two states that I have selected as the theme of my work. In this thesis I have attempted to both outline the mutual relationships of the rulers of these states before, after and mainly during this conflict, as well as their approaches to it. The conflict is placed within the wider regional context, as it was the attitudes of neighbouring states in both eastern and central Europe that had an impact on the outcome of the first Lithuanian-Muscovite War.

The work is written in chronological order and split into 5 chapters. The introductory chapter (Lithuania, Poland and the State of Muscovy over the centuries) is dedicated to the development of the Lithuanian state and the Russian lands from the 12th century to the year 1485. The main focus of attention here are the events that influenced affairs within the two countries and the relationship between them. The next four chapters are the heart of the work. Chapters two and three (the Start of Border Clashes 1486-1490 and Unrest in the Shadow of the War for the Hungarian Throne 1490-1492) describe the mutual relations between Lithuania and Moscow in this period of persistent border conflicts. The fourth chapter (the War between Lithuania and Muscovy 1492-1494) portrays developments from the date of Alexandr Jagellonský's appointment as ruler of Lithuania to the signing of the peace agreement between him and the Muscovite sovereign. The fifth and final chapter (The Uneasy Peace) deals with developments in relations between Lithuania and Muscovy in the period from the end of the first military conflict to the eve of a new war between the two states in 1500.