

## **Abstract**

### **Role of culturally important places in reproduction of territorial identities: an example of pilgrimage sites**

The thesis deals with the discussion of existing effects and meanings selected pilgrimage sites in Czechia (Stara Boleslav, Svaty Kopecek u Olomouce and Filipov) in terms of shaping identity of the region, depending on the different historical development and social and cultural conditions in different areas representing two dichotomies (borderland vs. inland region, Bohemia and Moravia region). Further, a position pilgrimage sites in terms of the major pilgrimages and pilgrimage sites in the consciousness of believers and non-believers population. It was found that people can be identified with pilgrimage sites, but it's a long process which is related to the historical and socio-cultural development of the region. In the dichotomy borderland vs. inland was observed different meanings of pilgrimage sites which are reflected in identification with the territory, while in the dichotomy Bohemia vs. Moravia those meanings are not significantly different.

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