

Abstract:

The subject of the Masters thesis *The Czech Kingdom in The Chronicle of Otakar of Styria* is the history of Czech Kingdom in the Otakar of Styria's versified chronicle. The goal of this work is a comprehensive view of that chronicle as a historic source of central European history during the second half of the 13th and the beginning of the 14th century. The Masters thesis includes an evaluation of the relationships between the central European sources of that time. It investigates both, the knotty question of the author's life story and his motivation for writing a work around 100 000 verses. In particular chapters, various social groups, which the author focuses on, are examined (royal houses, aristocracy, burgher class, people). No particular social group can be considered in isolation. Their interrelations are highlighted in the thesis. Following section introduces Otakar's description of certain central European regions (Austria, Styria, Carinthia, Hungary, Poland and the Holy Roman Empire), which is the foundation of my attempt to discover the chronicler's source and information base. Used method is based on the analysis of chronicle sources and the study of historical materials.

The history of the Kingdom of Bohemia results from the above mentioned circumstances. Based on this approach, the thesis of the earlier Czech historians (mainly František Palacký, Josef Šusta, in the second half of the 20th century Michal Svatoš), who considered *The Chronicle of Otakar of Styria* to be biased against the Kingdom of Bohemia, especially against the Monarch Přemysl Otakar II., can be refuted. The history of Kingdom of Bohemia takes up a large volume in the Otakar's chronicle. In any case we can speak only about the chronicler's antipathy against Kingdom of Bohemia, the ruler, aristocracy or the region. The image of the Kingdom of Bohemia varies depending on which events are described. Both the chronicler's point of view and his narrative strategy are taken into consideration.