

Supervisor's Statement

Mr. František Martínek studied the Czech language and literature and German Studies at Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic, graduating in 2008. In the course of his studies his interests were gradually concentrating on lexicology, word formation and lexicography, with a growing orientation on historical linguistics, and a special focus on the Middle Czech (from about 1500 to 1850) and history of Czech-German language contacts. During his studies and after, these interests further developed in interaction with his colleagues at the Department of Language History at the Institute of the Czech Language of the Czech Academy of Sciences, where he worked from 2005 to 2011. His Master's thesis, defended in 2008, dealt with analytical verbo-nominal constructions used in the Czech Chronicle by Václav Hájek of Libočany (1541).

Since 2010, Mr. Martínek has worked as an assistant professor at the Department of the Czech Language and Theory of Communication at Charles University, Prague, teaching courses mostly oriented on history of the Czech Language, internationalization of Czech, and theory and practice of editing both modern and old texts. In 2009–2011 he was the head researcher on the Charles University project *Linguistic Analysis of Czech Humanistic Texts*; besides, until recently, he participated in 6 successfully realized research projects and grants, and currently participates in 3 more. His bibliography includes 20 studies published in a variety of Czech, Slovak, German and Polish scholarly journals, anthologies and proceedings, and more than 10 other texts, including one textbook, a translation, two editions and several reviews. Moreover, he authored more than 400 entries of the on-line *Electronic Dictionary of Old Czech* (<http://vokabular.ujc.cas.cz>) and co-edited three volumes of *Interviews with Czech Linguists*.

Mr. Martínek has been a dedicated postgraduate student and has met all the requirements that his postgraduate study be completed. His Ph.D. thesis *Funtionsverbgefüge im humanistischen Tschechisch* deals with functional verb constructions, an under-analyzed phenomenon in the history of the Czech language. The text fully meets the standards set for doctoral theses and I strongly support its submission for defense.

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