

Abstract:

To the coronations which took place in Pre-White time, not enough attention has been paid yet. As it appears, enough accounts were preserved not only in contemporary prints but also in manuscript sources – in the works of chroniclers, in memories of persons present and above all in official and private correspondence. In addition to written sources also material sources and great part of iconographic sources have been preserved. The elaboration and evaluation of the sources to one of them, to the coronation of Matthias of Habsburg in Prague on May 23rd 1611, is a subject of the first half of this thesis.

The coronation in the life of sovereign is a ceremony that generally certifies his leading position in the country. This ceremony customary is executed in accordance to the predetermined order. In case of the lands of Bohemian crown binding form has been set by coronation order of Bohemian kings *Ordo ad coronandum Regem Bohemorum*, prepared by Charles IV. The main core of this order was maintained also by Matthias coronation. His coronation in the cathedral of Saint Vitus was a festive ceremony strongly influenced by then political situation. It placed under the strong protection of troops, excluding the general public, mostly ordinary people. Despite of it the ceremony was performed with dignity and according to established rules. Second half of a present thesis is dedicated to the detailed description and evaluation of a whole coronational day.