

Abstract

The subject of the thesis is to formulate the methodology of work with different types of sources for the study of diplomacy in the Middle Ages. In the first part, the author defines the essential terminology : medieval diplomacy and diplomatic deed. The basis of sources is divided into categories according to the types of documents and for each group, a procedure of analysis is determined. The sources are always defined, classified and the state of their preservation is assessed. On the basis of the aforesaid evaluation, a suitable methodology for the analysis of medieval diplomacy is appropriated to every category of sources. The last part of the thesis is dedicated to the study of the „staff of diplomacy“, i.e. envoys, whose analysis allows to show the use of methodological approaches to different sources for one scientific question.