

Landfrieden as a Source of the Provincial Law in Moravia in the Estate Era

The monograph is devoted to the issue of *Landfrieden* (Land Peace) as one of the basic sources of provincial law in Moravia during the period of the Estates' monarchy, i.e. in the long period from the 15th to the beginning of the 17th century. The thesis analyses the origin and development of individual *Landfrieden* in the context of political, military and social history. The earliest *Landfrieden* emerged in Moravia at the end of the 14th century as a reaction to the Margrave's wars. They played an important role in the 15th century and remained (unlike in neighbouring countries) as part of the provincial law throughout the pre-White-Mountain period (before 1620). *Landfrieden* took the form of a contract between the ruler (the Margrave of Moravia or the King of Bohemia) and members of the nobility, later members of all Estates. *Landfrieden* were always concluded with the incoming monarch. During the interregnum, *Landfrieden* were concluded only between Estates. The thesis analyses the development of the individual provisions and interprets their content in relation to other norms of provincial law and legal practice (the application of *Landfrieden* in various events). The thesis also outlines the development of *Landfrieden* in a wider European context and the development of security measures in the Czech lands in the earlier period (13th and 14th centuries).