

Abstract

This master thesis is focused on the book price in 16th and 17th century Bohemia, a subject which has been mostly neglected so far. It tries to find a connection between previous research from abroad and the specific situation of early-modern Bohemia. It focuses on Jakub Konrad Praetorius of Perlenberg, whose private book collection has become a part of the Swedish war booty and thus only a small part of the collection has survived until today. However, a handwritten catalogue of Praetorius's collection was found and digitised in the National Library of Stockholm. This catalogue contains not only the year of printing, author's name and book format but most importantly the price, though not in all cases. This work analyses this unique catalogue formally and contentually with the book price as the main interest, especially while trying to find a connection between the price and the attributes such as year of printing, place of origin, book format and the binding.