

## **ABSTRACT**

The presented thesis covers the analysis of a large number of written sources of urban provenance, mainly from the activities of the town administration, guilds and the court. The subject of the analysis is an extensive microhistorical probe into the history of the former royal town of Kouřim in the period 1547-1620. The thesis focuses on the history of administration, education, economy and urban and social topography. Selected chapters from the history of the town are compared with the situation in other former Czech royal towns of similar size, importance and structure, especially Beroun and other towns geographically close to Kouřim. The aim of the work is to contribute to the history of early modern society, the history and identity of Kouřim and to point out the specifics of the particular local market and its development in a provincial context, as well as local administration and urban education. Among other things, the conclusions of the thesis can serve as a basis for further research on Kouřim and the subsequent elaboration of a more comprehensive monograph on the history of the town, which has been missing so far.