

Abstract

The bachelor's thesis focuses on the research of Czech students who, during the early modern period (16th – 18th century), traveled to Italy to study at the University of Padua. The main goal was to compile a list of these students based on the analysis of primary sources, particularly university registers. The extracted data was processed with regard to the social and regional origins of the students, using a methodological approach that combines statistical analysis with prosopographical research.

The thesis is divided into three parts. The introductory part places the topic of the so-called grand tours and the stays of Czech students at European universities into a broader historical context and also provides an overview of the history of the University of Padua. The second part focuses on a detailed analysis and interpretation of the sources. In the conclusion, the author answers key questions regarding the motivations of Czech students to study at the University of Padua, their percentage representation among the total number of enrolled students, changes in this ratio over time, and the success rate of achieving an academic degree. The research results contribute to a deeper understanding of the cultural ties between Central Europe and Italy in the early modern period and clarify the level of education in the Czech lands.

Key words

Students, University, Italy, Padua, Education, Peregrination, Registers of students, Czech lands, Early modern period