

Call for papers

The Library and Literary Activities of the Augustinians of Roudnice (Raudnitz), 14th-15th c.

International workshop

November 14-16, Academic Conference Centre, Jilská 1, Praha

The Augustinian canonry in Roudnice (founded in 1333 by the Prague bishop John IV of Dražice) is generally considered to have served as a power base of the archbishops of Prague and thus to have been crucial for the formation and development of intellectual life in late medieval Bohemia. At the same time, neither the holdings of the library nor the writings of the canons of Roudnice have been thoroughly researched yet.

The workshop aims at gathering scholars dealing with this particular topic and thus to begin to survey and analyse the manuscripts and texts written by the Augustinians in Roudnice, acquired by them, as well as those written by them during their exile (the canonry was destroyed in 1421 by the Hussites). Through establishing connections between the texts transmitted in particular codices, their models, as well as their vernacular translations, the workshop attempts to contribute to the understanding of the exact role of this particular intellectual centre in the process of vernacularisation of elite Latin discourses, as well as its role in shaping the cultural and intellectual environment of late medieval Bohemia in general.

In addition, scholars focusing on intellectual culture in other Augustinian houses of the time (the second half of the 14th and the first half of the 15th century), or within other orders that might have influenced or be influenced by Roudnice, are most welcome to take part. Their contributions will provide a comparative perspective to this specific case study.

Please, send an abstract (200-300 words) and a brief CV (a paragraph with current affiliation and recent publications) by **April 30, 2013** to Lucie Doležalová at:
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