

THE BOHEMIAN AND MORAVIAN ARISTOCRACY IN THE 14TH AND 15TH CENTURIES

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The article gives an extensive overview of the development of the aristocracy in the Bohemian lands. The emergence of the term, "aristocracy", is explained. Subsequently the author examines the various factors which influenced developments between 1300 and 1500, including the Hussite Revolution. In this context it becomes evident that the aristocracy in Bohemia and in the rest of Europe, for that matter, should be viewed as a complex social structure. The author justifiably criticizes the neglect of this subject in Czech medieval studies for the past decades and offers insights into new attempts to make up for that neglect.