

EDUCATING CIVIL SERVANTS OR INVITING OPPOSITION AND REBELLION?

Legal Studies at Prague and Olomouc during the *Vormärz* period

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After shedding some light on the subjects that a future lawyer had to study, according to the regulations drawn up in 1810, within four years, the author proceeds to investigating the social, territorial and national background of the professors (14 in Prague and 19 in Olomouc) who held, between 1810 and 1848, the obligatory lectures in what was called *juridisch-politisches Studium* (legal and political studies). Their publications (including the possible influence of censorship), training and career patterns (focusing on the generally surprisingly young age at which they were appointed as professor in ordinary, but also on cases where they left teaching law altogether and took up other occupations) and the respective numbers of professors from Bohemia and Moravia and those coming from abroad, are also investigated. Finally, the article evaluates the justification of the criticism often uttered by those representing the historical school of thinking with respect to the general orientation on natural law and acquiring the necessary practical skills, which was found during the *Vormärz* period, and with respect to the exegetical method taught in the subjects pertaining to positive law (the so-called *vaterländische Gesetze*).