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The accommodation of the Habsburg archduchesses at Prague Castle:
Location, layout, and amenities of the living quarters (1723-1748)

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Between 1723 and 1748, Prague Castle as an imperial hereditary residence represented a regular destination and abode for the Habsburg archduchesses. The author investigates at what times which archduchesses came to the city, and in this context examines their apartments with a view to their configuration and furnishings as well as the courtly domestic culture as such. At the castle, the underage archduchesses (1723, 1743) were accommodated on the archducal first floor, while the adult archduchesses regent of the Austrian Netherlands (1725, 1744) used the royal apartment on the second floor. Both apartments were fully equipped with courtly furnishings: ceremonial chairs, storage furniture, and mirrors. Even in Prague, appropriate fittings thus allowed large assemblies of courtiers as well as the performance of court ceremonies in the ceremonial sections of the living quarters.