

## **SCHOLARSHIP REPORT**

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For collecting materials for my thesis at the Faculty of Philosophy at Charles University in Prague, I used the scholarship in Vienna, which facilitated the program of Czech-Austrian cooperation Aktion. In Czech Republic I work on my thesis under the supervision of Prof. PhDr. Jaroslav Čechura. DrSc. Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Thomas Winkelbauer (Direktor des Instituts für Österreichische Geschichtsforschung, University of Vienna), became my academic advisor in Austria. At the beginning of my stay in Vienna, he gave me a lot of information about the university library and he also recommended me books about the witch trials.

In Vienna I was preparing a thesis “Witch trials – an illusion of Czech history”, but I hadn’t any exact conception about the foreign sources that deals with this topic. So during my two-month stay I focused on looking for foreign literature with is related to witch trials. This literature is not available in the Czech Republic at all and foreign publications must be ordered as a foreign loan. I used the opportunity to log on the library of the University of Vienna and I especially used “Historical Studies Library”, which is well equipped with monographs and anthologies, both in German and English. The advantage is also the location of majority of the literature about the witch trials. Books about this topic are located in the same section of this library, which makes my work easier. I would like to mention here some authors whose books I used for my thesis: Wolfgang Behringer, Eva Labouvie, Karen Lambrech, Brian P. Levack, Walter Rummel, Gerhard Schormann, Keith Thomas or Rita Voltmer. Another part of this library which includes very huge amount of newspaper was also

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very helpful for me. Unfortunately it was impossible to read all the literature about this topic in two months, so I used the opportunity to copy some books or newspaper articles. I have also signed up to the Austrian National Library in Vienna. I didn't go there as often as to the university library, but I visited the Austrian National Library mostly at weekends, when the university library is closed. During the last two weeks of my stay in Vienna, I visited also „The Haus-, Hof- und Staatsarchiv“. But it was not necessary to buy a card for entry, because, after consultation with the employee of the Staatarchiv, I found that the required material is not in the archive.

I would like to thank you for the scholarship, which enabled the program Aktion. It helped me a lot. I'm grateful especially for the opportunity of the contemporary research about the witch trials, theories and terminology problems associated with this phenomenon. I hope that I will use the new information in the forthcoming thesis.