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Overview of Conferences Focusing on Legal History and Roman Law, Organized in the Czech Republic in 2016

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Last year in the Czech Republic there were held several events focusing on legal history and Roman law. Organizers followed the tradition of previous years and hosted particularly the international conferences, workshops and summer schools dedicated to the history and development of law and its sources.

Several times a year, the Department of History of the Faculty of Arts (Masaryk University, Brno) organises the event called *The Medievalistic Friday*. A series of short presentations focused on selected issues of European history in the Middle Ages. On May 27th, 2016, the subject of the 44th meeting was “Municipal Books in the Middle Ages”. The particular papers were concerned with the question of municipal books from the perspective of auxiliary historical sciences and history of law. Presenters talked about classification of municipal books and their importance for medieval legal history.

On June 1st, 2016, the Faculty of Law of Masaryk University hosted the popular interdisciplinary conference *Offences against Property Yesterday and Today*. The conference was traditionally organised by the European Society for the History of Law in cooperation with the Department of History of State and Law, and the Department of Criminal Law of the Faculty of Law of Masaryk University. The first part included posts focused on the legal development of offences against property from Roman time to the present. The second part was dedicated to the modern legal regulations and current legal practice.

From the 20th through the 22nd of September 2016, the Department of History of the State and Law of the Faculty of Law of Masaryk University organised the *Summer School on Legal History*. The *Summer school* belongs to the traditional events intended for bachelor, master, and doctoral students interested in history of law. The subject of the last summer school was *Liability in law throughout history*. Presenters emphasized out the development of the discussed liability from the earliest time to the modern era and drew the attention of the audience to its origin which had its roots in Roman law.

On September 22nd, 2016, the Institute of State and Law of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic hosted a workshop *Good Emperor: Symbolism, Memory and Cult on the example of Emperor and King Charles IV*. The workshop was held in order to commemorate the 700 years anniversary of the birth of King of Bohemia and Holy Roman Emperor Charles IV. The workshop was attended by historians and legal historians who discussed the legal, social and economic aspects of history of the 14th century. The papers will be published in a collective monograph.

In late October, *the Fourth Czechoslovakian Meeting of Doctoral Students and Postdoctoral Students of History of Law* was held in the premises of the Faculty of Law of Charles University, Prague. To the meeting there were invited doctoral students and their supervisors from the Czech Republic and Slovakia. The participants discussed the results of their dissertations focused on the history of law and Roman law. Selected papers will be published in a postconference volume.

Each year, the Faculty of Law of Masaryk University organises the international conference *Days of Law*. Last year's event was held on November 10th and 11th, and the subject of the historian section was "Legal Customs". The particular papers were dedicated to the question of role of legal customs in the legal development. The participants discussed the relationship between legal custom and other sources of law and they discussed the place of custom in modern legal systems.

The last event that took place in 2016 was international conference organised by the Department of Auxiliary Historical Sciences and Archives Studies of the Faculty of Arts of Masaryk University. The conference devoted to *Charters between Law and Memory* was held in early December and focused on the importance of charters from the perspective of diplomatics, sphragistics, paleography and history of law. The organisers invited domestic and foreign experts dealing with auxiliary historical science and legal history. Particular papers emphasized an importance of cooperation between these disciplines.