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Overview

The branch employees focus on Czech and Eastern European history from the Middle Ages to World War II, while paying particular attention Moravia, the nineteenth century, historical Slavic studies and the history of the Balkans.

Organizational structure

The branch is an integral part of the Historical Institute of the Czech Republic, which is based in Prague 9, Prosecká 76; its employees are members of expert departments - medieval history, 19th century history, 20th century history and biographical studies.

Projects and grants

The branch is involved in large residential projects such as editions of medieval sources, synthetic processing of the history of the Czech lands in the 19th century, Czech-Balkan relations, Biographical Dictionary of the Czech Lands, *Academic Atlas of Czech History* or *Academic encyclopedia of Czech History*. The branch staffers participate in the grant project *TG Masaryk and Slavs, Morava on the Road to Civil Society* and they participate in the excellence grant project *Historical Geography Research Center*.

International cooperation

The branch collaborates with academic and university centers in Slovakia, Austria, Poland, Croatia and Slovenia. In the framework of international projects, the focus is on analogies and differences in the historical development of Central, Eastern and Southeastern European countries; these include such topics as *Formation of Modern Nations: national mythology and collective identities* and *Czech Image of Russia and Russian Image of Czech Lands over the Centuries*.

Cooperation with universities

Teaching at the Masaryk University (Faculty of Arts and Faculty of Education) and the University of Pardubice; participation in research plans of various universities, education of researchers, including training of PhD students; membership in academic scientific boards, expert boards and expert committees.

Public services

The branch collects, processes and disseminates scientific information from national and world history, organizes national and international meetings, prepares expertise, opinions and recommendations and provides professional consulting services. The branch staffers provide are editors of the *Slavic Overview* journal. The library offers over 22,000 scientific volumes accessible to scholars and general public.



Joseph II = view of the Grand Place (náměstí Svobody today) over the statue of Joseph II in the early 20th century



Franz Richter = Františkov (Denisovy sady today); lithograph by Franz Richter, mid-19th century