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Overview

The branch focuses on the history of Czech literature and literary theory, with a special focus on literature in other languages produced in the Czech lands since the beginning of literature, generating funds that document its development. The publicly accessible library with over 20,000 volumes is an important fund for study of literature and its reflection; literary journals since 1945 are quite fully represented.

Organizational structure

The department is part of the Institute for Czech literature based at Praha 1, Na Florenci 3. It is divided into the older literature research department, 19th century literature research department, 20th century and contemporary literature research department, theory department, literary culture research department, editorial and textological department, department of literary lexicography, and literary studies information center.

Projects and grants

The ICL is currently exploring the following issues (and works on the following grant projects):

Dictionary of Czech literature after 1945 (on-line) - institutions of post-war literary life, Bibliography Czech literary studies from 1945 to 1960, Readers and reading in the Czech Republic, Literary censorship in outline, History and theory of 19th century Czech verse, Comics: history and theory, Czech literature of the first decade of the 21st century in context and interpretations, the Dictionary of literary structuralism, Jan Mukařovský: life, work, impact, ad.

International cooperation

The branch cooperates with many foreign institutions – the Institute of Slovak literature in Bratislava, Russian Academy of Sciences, University of Pennsylvania, Arizona State University, Interdisciplinary Center for Narratology (ICN) in Hamburg, Institute of Polish philology - Wroclaw University, Le Centre de recherches sur les arts et le langage (CRAL-EHESS-CNRS, Paris), Institut für Slavistik, Universität Wien, Slavisches Seminar der Universität Tübingen ad.

Cooperation with universities

The branch staffers teach at the Faculty of Arts, Masaryk University in Brno, Faculty of Arts, Charles University in Prague, Faculty of Education, Masaryk University, Faculty of Arts, Palacký University, and other universities. They are members of expert boards and grant commissions of the Academy of Sciences and the Ministry of Culture, editorial boards of literary journals, such as *Česká literatura*, *Slovo a slovesnost*, *Host*, etc.

Public services

The Brno Institute produces the *Theoretica & Historica* (CAS) edition, focused on the contemporary international and Czech literary theory. However, the staffers are also involved in publishing of the *Teoretická knihovna* Library edition (*Host*, Brno) ad.