

1. Lecture

Intoduction, general information about the course. Brief introduction to the geografy, culture and policy of Central Europe. What does Central Europe mean? (Europe intermédiaire, Mittellage and Mitteleuropa).

Readings:

- Studia historica Brunensia, volume 54, 2007, p. 39.
- Johnson, Lonnie (1996): Where is Central Europe. In.: Central Europe: Enemies, Neighbors, Friends. Oxford University Press, pp. 3 – 12.

http://books.google.cz/books?id=e_m13Hk3AFEC&pg=PA302&dq=ivan+b%C3%A9rend+central+europe&hl=cs&ei=hj88TLitNMfdsgaqh6iWAQ&sa=X&oi=book_result&ct=result&resnum=5&ved=0CDsQ6AEwBA#v=onepage&q&f=false

Accession of Hapbsburg's to the Czech Throne, Hapsburg's Monarchy in Central Europe, Rudolph II., The Thirty Years' War.

Readings:

- Casper, Max – Hellman, Clarisse, D. (1993): Kepler. New York, pp. 116 – 121.

http://books.google.cz/books?id=0r68pggBSbgC&pg=PA149&dq=rudolf+II+emperor&hl=cs&ei=0Vo8TOrFGcuosQbbgunCDg&sa=X&oi=book_result&ct=result&resnum=4&ved=0CDgQ6AEwAw#v=onepage&q&f=false

- Parker, Geoffrey (1991): The Thirty Year 's War. London – Routledge, pp. 47 – 61.

Baroque, Prussia. Charles VI, Pragmatic Sanction and Maria Theresa. Enlightened absolutism, Reforms of Maria Theresa and Joseph II. War of the Austrian Succession, Seven Years' War. Polish–Lithuanian union, Partitions of Poland.

Readings:

- Abrams, Lynn (1995): Bismarck and the German Empire, 1871 – 1918. Routledge, pp. 1 – 8.

http://books.google.cz/books?id=XcRDFrkk-CsC&pg=PA8&dq=germany+18+century+bismarck&hl=cs&ei=O2k8TJ2zBorbsAb43-zCDg&sa=X&oi=book_result&ct=result&resnum=2&ved=0CDEQ6AEwAQ#v=onepage&q&f=false

- Blanning, T. C. W. (1994): Joseph II. Edinburg, pp. 92 – 112.