

Aristoteles Latinus na pražské předhusitské universitě I.:

Komentářová tradice k *Etice Níkomachově* a debata o pravém

šťěstí z roku 1409

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UNIVERSITY IN PRE-HUSSITE ERA I:
COMMENTARY TRADITION ON ARISTOTLE'S
NICOMACHEAN ETHICS AND THE DEBATE ON
FELICITY FROM 1409**

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ABSTRAKT

This essay provides a contextual reconstruction of Aristotle's ethical heritage at the University of Prague during late Middle Ages. The first part retraces the impact of the commentary tradition on *Nicomachean Ethics* within the milieu of the Prague Faculty of Arts between 1347/8 and 1409. Since the early years of the Prague University, the local didactic curriculum and discourse in ethics were intensely influenced by the teaching patterns as well as textbooks from the University of Paris, most of all by the commentary compiled by Jean Buridan (d. 1360/1361). However, we should also presuppose the impact of other expositions extant in manuscripts, such as those of Albert the Great (d. 1280), Thomas Aquinas (d. 1274), Robert Kilwardby (d. 1279), Henry of Friemar (the Elder, d. 1340), Peter of Aquila (d. 1361), Richard Kilvington (d. 1362) and Marsilius of Inghen (d. 1396). Eight genuine Prague commentaries of several different genres are preserved in manuscripts (from Oto of Werder, Henry Totting of Oyta, Bartholomew of Jaslo, Conrad of Steinsberg or Worms, Matthias of Lehnice, Peter of Wartenberg, John Arsen of Langenfeld and Peter of Przemysl). The second part of the paper presents an analysis of Jean Buridan's concept of felicity and its influence on the debate about true felicity between the Czech intellectuals Matthias of Knín (d. 1410) and Jan Hus (d. 1415), held during the quodlibetal disputation in early January 1409.*

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