

1. Lecture

Intoduction, general information about the course. Brief introduction to the geograpy, 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 Hapsburg´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.**