

Pozvánka na přednášku v rámci přednáškového cyklu

Renesance a novověk II

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Readings of the *Nichomachean Ethics* in late-Renaissance Poland

Aristotle's book was largely commented and discussed in Polish schools during the first decades of the XVIIth century, becoming a source of inspiration for the exponents of all the major intellectual trends at work on the territory of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. In general the confessional identity of the authors marked the different interpretations of Aristotle's thought, as we may observe by examining the works of the two reformed thinkers Bartholomaeus Keckermann and Franz Tidike, or the precepts ("decrets") of the Jesuit Wojciech Sokołowski as well. However, in the case of Adam Burski's commentary on *NE* humanistic and pedagogical instances are predominant, whereas Sebastian Petrycy's adopts the Aristotelian practical philosophy in dealing with the most pressing ethical-political problems of the time. Lastly, in Johann Crell's reflection the *NE*, while serving the cause of a school which fostered the radical ("Socinian") Reformation, laid the foundations of his rational theology.

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