

## SUMMARIES

### CHURCH ORGANIZATION AND EPISCOPAL APPOINTMENTS AS AN INSTRUMENT OF RULE: THE RELATIONSHIP OF IMPERIAL AND TERRITORIAL RULE AS ILLUSTRATED BY CHARLES IV'S CHURCH POLICY

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During the more than thirty years of his reign, Charles IV developed church policy into one of the most important instruments with which he ruled. It was applied equally in Bohemia and the Holy Roman Empire. In Bohemia, Charles achieved the establishment of an archdiocese in Prague and the development of a unified, hierarchically structured territorial church. In the Empire, he managed to restore episcopal appointments to the monarchic sphere of influence. In the South and Central German bishoprics alone — the core interest area of Imperial rule — some two-thirds of all episcopal vacancies were filled by men of his choice. This shows that Charles IV took advantage of and consistently developed all opportunities for exercising sovereign authority also at the Imperial level, without according preferential treatment to Bohemia. The goal was to strengthen monarchic central authority in Bohemia and in the Empire and to secure it for the Luxemburg dynasty.