

BOHEMIA AND THE EMPIRE
IN THE EARLY MODERN AGE

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This article was submitted to the editors by Volker Press, professor at Tübingen University, a few months before his sudden death. Press asked whether they thought that the study merited being edited for publication. It was high time, in his opinion,

to start a Czech-German dialogue on this important topic. He made it clear that he intended to devote more of his time to the history of the Bohemian lands, to which his Bavarian origin made him feel a considerable affection. In publishing the text unaltered, the editors wish to pay a tribute to Volker Press, who was one of the preeminent experts on early modern age among German historians. They entirely share his purpose of fostering a renewed discussion, by both sides concerned, of the millennium of German-Czech neighbourhood, which in its origins and its development is unique in Europe. This is all the more important after the host of false interpretations applied to it in this century's historiography.