

JAN-ANDREA BERNHARD, *Moravia and Non-conformism. The Tolerance Question - a Religious, Political or Economic Issue?*

**Abstract:** Moravia is in the 16<sup>th</sup> Century as a land of tolerance. Many non-conformists from all over Europe, especially from Italy, found in Moravia a new home and possible action, because various magnates from political, economic, but also religious reasons against a violent enforcement of restrictions on catholic renewal of Ferdinand I. presented.

The paper presents the background, but also the limits of this “tolerance” identified and placed in a pan-European context. It can be stated that Moravia was, both from the religious and political view-point, divided, and the term “oasis of tolerance” is missed. In this context the question arises as to the suitability of the confessionalism concept for an area such as Moravia. A state political comparison with the other “land of tolerance“, with Transylvania, rounds off the paper.

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