Abstract:

The goal of my bachelor thesis is to introduce the little-known French medieval novel Roman de Fauvel to a larger awareness and present it as a valuable source for studies of the medieval society and its behaviour. Thanks to Fauvel, a horse who becomes a king of the people, the reader has an opportunity to immerse into the life at the court and uncover its true face. In my bachelor thesis, I will follow two important European courts, the court of France and the court of Bohemia, which were connected by the king John of Luxemburg. Thus, I will try to show how virtuous and dissolute the society around the king and the king himself is. What does the story about Fauvel want to say to the reader?

The thesis will employ knowledge of other disciplines, such as literary science or fine art, for Roman de Fauvel is kept in many illuminations. All strands of the thesis will be regularly consulted with the thesis supervisor.