

Abstract in English

This work is dedicated to the topic of reflection of the idea of the so-called “universal empire” of the emperor Charles V in work of Spanish humanist Alfonso de Valdés (c. 1490-1532), who between the years 1520 and 1532 worked at the imperial court first as a scribe, then as a secretary of the grand chancellor Mercurino di Gattinara and finally as a secretary of Charles V himself. Using qualitative analysis of primary sources, mostly Latin and Spanish documents and writings left by Alfonso de Valdés, the work attempts to uncover and interpret the attitude of Valdés towards the nature of imperial power of Charles V as well as to other contemporary topics related to the problem of imperial universalism, such as his attitude towards the Catholic church and its reform or to the beginnings of the Reformation. The work is divided into three main sections, first of which is dedicated to the introduction of persons of Alfonso de Valdés and Charles V, the second to Valdés’s attitude towards the universal empire itself, while the third deals with the topic of Valdés’s attitude towards the Reformation, including his personal involvement in the imperial diet of 1530 in Augsburg.