

Abstract

This diploma thesis deals with the analysis of the unpublished travel book from Mexico of the Czech traveler, journalist, orientalist and polyglot Alois Richard Nykl. The criticism of the source is designed to reveal the personality of Alois Richard Nykl as much as possible, who is a little-known scientist in the current Czech environment. The author focuses on his judgments about the Mexican Indian population in the post-revolution era of the 1920s. Based on Nykl's statements, the thesis seeks to provide a comprehensive view of the changing social position of the Indians in the context of the new political concept of the Mexican state. The work, among other things, points to Nykl's interest in anthropology and archeology in an already broad range of his interests and knowledge. The thesis highlights Nykl's devotion to studying multidisciplinary information about Mexico, even though he was a specialist in Andalusian and comparative literature.