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INFLUENCES OF THE ENLIGHTENMENT ON FAMILY, MARRIAGE AND MARITAL RELATIONS IN THE HABSBUrg MONARCHY

Abstract

The paper analyzes Slavonian habits and customs related to family, marriage and marital relations in the 18th century. The author uses descriptions from travelogue and literary works as well as descriptions from the original archive materials. They are compared to Joseph II's legal regulation on marital relations and catechism. The author also analyzes the possible existence of interconnection of the Slavonian morals and adopting the marriage edict of the Emperor Joseph II, or in other words if the legal regulation was only a consequence of comprehensive enlightenment reforms.

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