

"Done. Pour the Wine." Scribal Additions and Colophons in Medieval Manuscripts Kept in the Czech Republic

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The importance of colophons has been recognized since they provide information on when, where and who executed the particular copy but they are scattered in manuscript catalogues and have not been studied in a comparative perspective. Other scribal additions, often combining Latin and vernacular, playful, vulgar, or nonsensical, are usually omitted from the catalogues altogether. Since the material is vast and mostly unedited, the situation cannot be remedied easily. This talk will focus on medieval Bohemia, i.e. scribal additions and colophons primarily in Latin and Czech, offering new insights into medieval scribal culture, language experimenting, and everyday life.

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