Christine Ottner, Between report and critical review. Structural, scholarly and political aspects in the literary supplements of MIÖG (1880–1900) (p. 40–62)

Scholarly historical periodicals were important pacemakers and trendsetters in the process of academic professionalization and institutionalization in the second half of the nineteenth century. Most of them devoted a major portion of their space not only to articles but also to literary supplements and book reviews.

The article is based on the close study of an Austrian case: In 1880 the "Institut für oesterreichische Geschichtsforschung", located at the University of Vienna, began publishing its "Mitteilungen". The journal can be seen as a professional collaborative project to represent and propagate the historical disciplines which had been developed there and taught for some 25 years. In this context the article looks into the striving for methodological specialization in the books reviews which by no means show coherent structural characteristics. More often than not they range between critical review (*Recension*) and simple report (*Referat*). In addition to that, we also find special reports on the results of historical research in the different Habsburg lands, which elucidate the political claim of the "Mitteilungen" to be a scholarly periodical for the entire Monarchy.

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