Abstract: Disputations at the Faculty of Theology of the University of Vienna ca. 1400
This paper presents disputations held at the Faculty of Theology in the early days of the
University of Vienna as part of public graduation ceremonies. Disputations are described
according to the normative sources – the statutes and the faculty records – and on the basis of
manuscripts at the Austrian National Library concerned with the few extant vesperial
disputations. The paper highlights the basic, sometimes opposing, characteristics of Viennese
theological disputations and their proximity to the Parisian practice. It also includes two
charts offering a detailed overview of the practice of disputing during the ritual of inception.
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