

## Tomáš Somer: Historical Olomouc (KHI/YHO )

Olomouc is a uniquely preserved historical city. Today it is “just” a regional capital. In the past, though, Olomouc was the most important Moravian city of a considerable size. The course is presenting the very rich history of the city since the early middle-ages till the modern times. First aim of the course is to explain the development of the city in broader historical context. Close attention is paid to the development of the important institutions such as (arch)bishopric, city council, university or baroque fortress. All of those had a huge impact on the development of the city. Second aim of the course is to present the history of the city *in situ*. Field trips around the city with a comment are therefore part of this course. The students will see the remains of medieval architecture (Romanesque, Gothic), Renaissance and predominant Baroque monuments as well as parts of former baroque fortress. The main goal of the course is to show how complicated and overlapping is the history of Olomouc which is in many ways unique but at the same time quite typical for the (central) European cities and to help the students to appreciate this still largely unknown pearl of Moravia.