

Summary

My doctoral thesis is untitled „Łódź in the years of I World War”. I have tried to describe the situation in Lodz during the war, especially the great changes connected with getting into the German occupation and the way they had an influence on inhabitants's of Lodz life.

I have decided to choose this topic because there hasn't been any scientific compilation of this part of local history.

The most important source of information I have used is the collection of State Archive in Lodz. I've also got many interesting facts reading newspapers that came out in Lodz from 1914 to 1918.

My thesis is divided into five chapters. The first one is devoted to local governments, working just after living the city by Russian authorities like, The Council of 14, The Civic Committee, The Maior Civic Committee and The City Council. I have described the German local goverment, the judiciary and the spatial development of Lodz in this chapter as well.

The second chapter focuses on describing social and cultural life of the multinational city. I have tried to characterize the local schools, the local press, sport clubs and the various manifestations of artistic life and the changes that had occurred in them after passing the town under German occupation.

The third chapter of my doctoral dissertation has been devoted to a description of the living conditions of the inhabitants of the city. I made there a description of the demographic and religious structure, the provisioning system, the health service and I have tried to describe the problem of social pathologies, as well.

The fourth chapter focuses on economical issues. I have tried to characterize the local factories, financial institution and their workings during the German occupation. I've characterize also the war losses and the problems connected with the lack of coins.

I have characterize the political life of Lodz in the last, fifth chapter. This part of my doctor al thesis show the variety of politics views in Lodz among three main nations – Polish, Germans and Jews.

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