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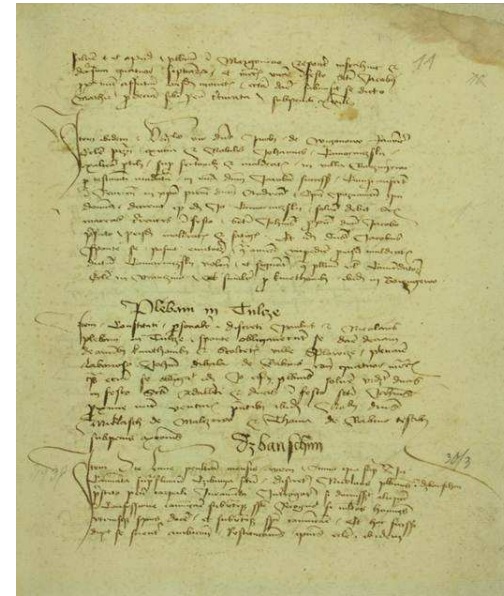
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**"Heresy Files":  
the Records of Hussite Trials in  
Fifteenth Century Poland**

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**Reception to follow!**

The emergence of the Hussite movement in neighboring Bohemia exposed the Polish kingdom to the penetration of dissident ideas, which found some adherents, mostly among priests and nobles. After the condemnation of Jan Hus at Constance Polish kings and the Roman clergy took various steps to prevent the inflow of Hussite doctrine and started the persecution of its Polish followers. Polish adherents of the Bohemia Reformation were treated as suspects of heresy and interrogated by bishops and papal inquisitors. All legal proceedings *in causa fidei* conducted by bishops, from denunciation to sentence, were recorded in their courtbooks, which remain the best source for any



Page from the courtbook of the Poznan bishop with the very beginning of a heresy trial in 1439

research on religious dissent and repression of heresy in late medieval Poland.

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