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**Paper Title:**

Bernhard and Hieronymus Pez, their correspondences, their networks. A contribution to intellectual geography

**Abstract:**

In the 18th century the Benedictine monks Bernhard (1683–1735) and Hieronymus (1685–1762) Pez, who lived and worked in the Monastery of Melk in Lower Austria, were among the most important members of the republic of letters. Besides many of their works within the field of critical historical research there is also an extensive correspondence which comprehends approximately 1700 letters. The passive correspondence of the Pez brothers is preserved nearly completely in the Monastery of Melk and the active one is scattered throughout a wide range of different libraries and archives in whole Europe. The letters show Bernhard and Hieronymus Pez' contacts to a large number of scholars and therefore deliver a widespread insight into various issues of intellectual history.

In this lecture different facets of the Pez brothers' correspondence will be considered with respect to relevant topics of intellectual geography. First of all Bernhard and Hieronymus Pez, their biographies, and their most important scholarly concerns are introduced briefly. Secondly, the fundamental characteristics of the Pez correspondence are explained. The main part of the talk will be devoted to the analysis of the Pez brothers' networks which can be determined by looking into the existing letters. Last but not least results of mapping the correspondence network will be presented.