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Kitonics János – Directio methodica and the „unexpected codification“ of procedural law in the Hungarian Kingdom

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Topics: Hungarian legal history is rich in examples of legal treatises that have obtained binding force through customary law and have thus become equal to "codifications" of law. One of the rather neglected examples is the fate of the work *Directio methodica* authored by Joannes Kithonich (János Kitonics), which was included in the official collection of Hungarian laws, *Corpus Iuris Hungarici*. The lecture first introduces the life and works of this author and his significance especially for the history of Hungarian procedural law. Furthermore, the main features of the work written by Kitonics will be introduced, besides presenting the actual principles and contents of the *Directio methodica* itself. Special attention will be paid to the ethical standards for lawyers and judges, which may still be perceived as relevant even nowadays.

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