

# BOHEMIAN HISTORY IN THE LIGHT OF A EUROPEAN COMPARISON

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A voyage through the history of the Bohemian lands shows that they belong to the classic regions of the European destiny. A closer examination, however, reveals deviations from the norm which would make a new periodization of the historical development of Bohemia and Moravia appear necessary. Taking up the attempts by Otto Hintze and Otto Brunner at a differentiation between central and peripheral positions of historical development in Europe, the author examines their very different consequences in the individual periods. It is shown that the Bohemian lands at times shared certain features in common with Polish, Hungarian and also English developments. The changing advantages and disadvantages in their position led to a development of the Bohemian lands that cannot simply be termed „European“.