CZECHS AND SLOVAKS IN VIENNA AND LOWER AUSTRIA, 1526—1976

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This study attempts to convey a comprehensive picture of the living conditions of the Czechs and Slovaks of Lower Austria.

The theme delimits the history of the Czechs in Vienna in temporal and geographical terms, as well as with respect to subject matter. The time span covered is from the 17th to the 20th century, with emphasis on the period from Maria Theresa to the decline of the Empire — though due attention is also paid to the historical antecedents as well as to the events of the interwar and postwar periods (reasons for the immigration into Austria and the emigration from Bohemia-Moravia). Geographically the study deals with the archduchy below the Enns, the area of the present-day Austrian *Bundesländer* of Vienna and Lower Austria. Settlements, occupational patterns and education of the minority are the main topics focussed on.