

SUMMA HISTORIAE?

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The author engages in a critical discussion of a new overview of Czech history that has been appearing in Czechoslovakia since 1980. The contribution is devoted to the first volume of this work and specifies the changes vis-à-vis the *Maketa* of 1958, differences with respect to the state of scholarship elsewhere, and the usability of the presentation for a comparative European approach. A special criticism is inserted here, which shows how historical science in the Western world — and especially medievalistics — has made use of comparative perspectives to acquire new insights. This is “positive” criticism, in that it is an invitation to Czech medievalistics to join in the work on the great task of modern historical science.