

WHAT ACTUALLY IS SLOVAK HISTORY?

Slovak Historiographic Perspectives from the Ninth Century until the
End of World War I

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The report comments on the 18th volume of the "Studia Historica Slovaca". In this volume seven leading historians from Slovakia deal with the source study and historiography of Slovak historic developments. The period covered dates from the beginning of the Grand Moravian Empire until the end of World War I. The critical observations in this anthology, whose subject is welcome, concern not only editorial shortcomings or imperfections with regard to content, but also deal with the methods, perspectives, and issues; among others, the unscientific prejudices against Magyars and Czechs should have been avoided. Nevertheless it can be seen, by reading between the lines, that, in spite of the many ways in which European, Slavic, Magyar and German elements found expression in Slovakia for over 1100 years, the Slovaks established a special individuality and maintained themselves as a nation.