

THE BOHEMIAN LANDS IN THE CRISIS OF 1870/71

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In view of the Prussian success in the Franco-Prussian War of 1870/71, the Viennese government felt obliged to undertake discussions for an *Ausgleich* with the Czechs and the Poles. The essay contrasts the relatively calm negotiations for the autonomy of Polish Galicia with the complex problem of the political situation in the Bohemian lands. In the latter, the planned *Ausgleich* met with fierce opposition from the German Liberal side and finally ran aground due to the inflexibility of the Czech political representatives. Indeed, although the *Ausgleich* was in some respects unclear and too complicated, it would still have been, despite its conservative tendencies, a considerable improvement over the status that the Czechs had until the end of the Monarchy.