

## FORTY YEARS OF HISTORIOGRAPHY UNDER SOCIALISM IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Continuity and Change in Intellectual Patterns

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The attempt is made here to go beyond the picture of historiography in Communist-ruled Czechoslovakia as a simple instrument of the ruling party and to propose a differentiated conception. Using various insights into the development of theoretical and practical approaches to historiography in postwar Czechoslovakia, it has been established that the goals and effects of the Communist exercise of influence vis-à-vis historiography have been subject to change. The most important consistent characteristic is to be found in a checking effort as concerns the approaches to the basic theoretical and methodological questions of modern historiography.