

STANDARD AND COMMON CZECH: ATTITUDES AND
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In this article, the author discusses a phenomenon which is specific to the Czech language, the co-existence of two forms of speech: the standard, codified form of the literary language (*spisovná čeština*) and the colloquial form of speech (*obecná čeština*). The latter is widely used throughout the entire area in which Czech is spoken, and its position is different than that of the various colloquial forms usually found in other languages. Eva Eckert also discusses the attention this specifically Czech phenomenon has received from linguists in the past and in the present, as well as its effect on Czech language consciousness.