

## SUMMARIES

### GERMAN EXPANSIONISM, THE EUROPEAN STATE SYSTEM AND THE MUNICH CONFERENCE OF 1938

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It appears profitable to view the Munich Agreement of 29 September 1938 as the result of the ruin of the European state system. In this way, the settlement of the Sudeten German areas in Czechoslovakia can be placed in a larger historical context. The rise of Hitler, the instability of international relations after the worldwide economic crisis, the increase in violent actions, and the key position of Czechoslovakia in Central and Eastern Europe considerably accelerated the ruin of this system. They also led to the fall of Czechoslovakia to the expansionist aims of Hitler. The shifting of power, which was sealed with the Munich Agreement, and which was the visible expression of Hitler's desired destruction of the international order, created a decisive precondition for the Hitler-Stalin Pact.