

SUMMARIES

ON THE BORDER BETWEEN THE ENLIGHTENMENT AND EARLY NATIONALISM

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Using some representative works and observations from Bohemian intellectuals of the late-eighteenth and early-nineteenth centuries, Anna Drabek has attempted to determine where the border lies between two intellectual-historical phenomena: the *Enlightenment* and *Early Nationalism*. “*Erinnerungen über einen wichtigen Gegenstand von einem Böhmen* (A Man From Bohemia’s Memories of an Important Theme),” by the Bohemian Count and Austrian General Josef Kinský from 1773; the inaugural academic address of Franz Martin Pelzl, the first holder of the newly founded professorship at Charles University, entitled “*Über den Nutzen und Wichtigkeit der Böhmisches Sprache* (On the Use and Importance of the Bohemian Language),” from 1782; several remarks by Josef Dobrovský, and two fictional dialogues from the pen of Josef Jungmann which appeared in the magazine *Hlasatel* in 1803, were examined. The author has concluded that a sharply delineated border in the sense of an intellectual-historical caesura can not be erected between the Enlightenment and Early Nationalism. It is much more that all of the thinkers studied incorporated elements from both historical directions in their work. While in the cases of Kinský and Pelzl – if to differing degrees – the Enlightener indeed dominated the National Awakener, in the case of Josef Dobrovský, the two tendencies appear to have balanced the scales. Even with Jungmann, the glowing propagator of the Czech language and nation, important elements and conceptual goals of the Enlightenment can be found in the dialogues examined by the author.