

VICTORY AND DEFEAT:
ECONOMIC NATIONALISM IN SLOVAKIA BEFORE 1918

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In this contribution, the relationship between industrialization and its social and economic effects on one hand and the rise of nationalist thinking on the other is analyzed. At the outset, the author notes that "beginning with the early 19th century economic antagonism, tied as it was to growing nationalism, acquired a national (political) dimension and, conversely, national (political) conflicts had their economic aspects as well", whence he derives his notion of economic nationalism as a "concept or movement in which political and economic aspects were glued together by national emotions". Now the author proceeds to examine the "offensive" as well as the "defensive" sides of this phenomenon in the Habsburg monarchy, where he deals with the politico-economic conflicts between the two parts of the Empire and with Hungaro-Slovak and Slovak-Czech economic relations. He concludes that after the founding of Czechoslovakia, inherited politico-economic conflicts and disproportions had a strong and lasting influence on the relationship between Czechs and Slovaks.