SLOVAK HISTORIOGRAPHY, 1990-1994

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The aim here is to give a brief appraisal of developments in Slovak historiography following the turnaround of November, 1989, and of the most important results of historical research. The article comprises three parts. The first points out some general tendencies of historical research in the period examined, the second outlines research activities specifically devoted to Slovak history, and the third those concerning history in general. Overall, the author stresses the fact that the earlier conceptual sterility has been overcome and that there is a great deal of new studies on new questions, while he also demonstrates the unsatisfactory level of reflexion concerning theory of science, the lack of preliminary work in the field of contemporary history, and the difficulties encountered by those attempting to publish synthetic histories, where conditions improve only slowly.