

THE WIDER THE CHOICE, THE GREATER THE TROUBLE?
THE LATEST INFORMATION BOOKLETS ABOUT
THE CZECH REPUBLIC

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In this article, ten information booklets are reviewed. The booklets, offering Czech area studies in a nutshell, have been published by governmental institutions specialising in political education (the Federal Centre of Political education and its subdivisions in diverse German federal states), the – non-governmental – Society for Tourism and Development Research, youth organisations or institutions work-

ing with young people under the umbrella of the Christian churches, or in the series *Wochenschau*. First and foremost, the reviewers checked the booklets for their suitability for classroom work or for use by young people in general.

Most booklets present a historic account. Whereas the products of the Federal Centre, in particular, retain a national conception of history, others, some having well-known authors, reflect recent research and show an attempt at a more differentiated presentation. Only a few deal, apart from brief overviews of economic and political structures, with contemporary everyday life or with inter-cultural problems with respect to German-Czech relations. A comprehensive booklet which would meet all requirements is thus still something very much needed.