

## SUMMARIES

### ABOUT THE PROPER PLACE OF SLOVAK HISTORIOGRAPHY AND RECOLLECTIONS OF PAST EXPERIENCES

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Lipták's brief essay was one of three concluding statements of the conference "Slovak History Research". Lipták, who died in October 2003, was denied the opportunity to produce a written article from the suggestions he offered. At the conference, he called on the public not to negate the links between politics and history, but to develop them in a cultivated way. A prerequisite, according to him, is a full-fledged Slovak historiography which must overcome its traditional weak spots (the large extent of political influence, lack of time, scarcity of subject matters) and, no less important, address the underlying structure of the own history (development of law and institutions, political culture, mentalities) in order to gain realistic insights into Slovakia's past as it was, and to name those experiences Slovakia lacks compared to the West.