

CLIO SLOVAK-LIKE. PROBLEMS AND NEW BEGIN- NINGS FOR HISTORIOGRAPHY IN SLOVAKIA AFTER 1989

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The main deficiency of contemporary Slovak historiography may be seen in a lack of research into the past of the own scientific discipline as well as that of social and regional history. Given that it is possible in today's Slovakia to work with the latest scientific theories and methods, an "indolent majority" among historians still lacks traditional acquaintance, experience and even willingness to embrace theoretic and methodological aspects. The situation is, however, gradually improving owing above all to international and interdisciplinary cooperation. That there is growing interest in new themes and methods can be shown browsing bibliographies for historiographical works and taking into account institutional changes (e.g. the founding of the Centre for Research into Collective Identities as a section of the Slovak Historical Society). The author aims at doing away with some of the myths of Slovak historiography: those of "blanks" having to be filled, of a refraining from a separate Slovak identity before 1989 or of an alleged polarization between nationalist and cosmopolitan currents.