

THE HOLOCAUST IN SLOVAK HISTORIOGRAPHY OF THE NINETIES

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The author sketches the fundamental changes in holocaust research in Slovakia during the 1990s. Until 1989, this topic had been practically taboo, while after the turnaround the number of studies and articles devoted to it grew considerably. In Slovakia, there is no classical revisionist view on the holocaust, but there are efforts to defend the policy of the Slovak republic during World War II and to place all responsibility for the deportation of the Slovak Jews firmly on the German side. The present study, rather a commented bibliography, begins with a section on sources and memoirs concerning the holocaust, and general works. For the 1990s, there are also studies devoted to local aggressors and to the social conditions in which the holocaust took place. Also introduced are authoritative studies on Jewish communities in Slovakia, on the system of forced labour and on forced labour camps for Jews in Slovakia. Apart from historical works, mention is also made of law historians or ethnologists devoting studies to the history and culture of Jews in Slovakia.