

## SLOVAK HISTORY RESEARCH IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

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Though interest in Slovak matters did exist in the Bohemian lands as early as the 19<sup>th</sup> century, at that time there was no systematic research into Slovak history. In the Czechoslovak period, Slovak history was the domain of Slovak historians and Slovak historical institutions, while Czech scholars specialised in Czech history until 1918 and Czechoslovak history in the 1918-1992 timeframe. From a Czech viewpoint, Slovak history after 1918 often was but a regional deviation from Czechoslovak history. Slovak history before 1919 was dealt with in the framework of the political history of Hungary. Even before 1992, Slovak history was taught at the Czechoslovak history chair of Charles University, Prague, with a considerable number of Czech Slovak experts studying there. Only the end of Czechoslovakia, however, did lead to Slovak history being looked upon as an independent entity in the Bohemian lands as well. At Prague's Charles University, the Department of Slovak Studies was created within the institute of Slavic and East European Studies. In addition, the Institute of Contemporary History of the Czechoslovak (today Czech) Academy of Sciences also received its Department of Slovak Studies.