

CONTEMPORARY HISTORY AS INTERNATIONAL HISTORY – A REPLY TO JIŘÍ PEŠEK

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This contribution discusses the applicability of the term “contemporary history” on comparative evaluations of past developments in historiography and suggests that it be used predominantly when referring to the institutions involved. A weakness of the discipline in Germany as well as in the Czech Republic is spotted in the lack of internationalisation. This does not refer to the number of research activities going on, but rather to the terminology used for research into contemporary history reflecting, both in Germany and in the Czech republic, an internationally comparative approach to a much lesser degree than, say, early modern history research.