RELIGION AGAINST A BACKDROP OF DICTATORSHIP, NATIONAL ANTAGONISMS AND THE MODERN ERA

New publications and projects relating to 20th-century religious and ecclesiastic history in the Bohemian Lands

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In recent years, historians more often than before have worked on themes pertaining to religious and ecclesiastic history, with questions related to religion and society in the 19th and 20th centuries being frequently analysed in their relationship to historical developments of a more general nature. The present contribution aims at giving a general impression of recent research activities devoted to religious and ecclesiastical developments in the Bohemian Lands during the 20th century. In addition, topics still awaiting coverage are named, and relations to questions of a broader nature are shown. The principal topics discussed are nation, dictatorship, and the modern era. One result is that only in very basic terms have questions relating to the importance of religion and ecclesiastic institutions hitherto been analysed from a viewpoint of everyday life history. As a final touch, the author presents a brief sketch of a project on religious history being currently carried out at the Collegium Carolinum.