

## SUMMARIES

## INTRODUCTION

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This issue of the journal "Bohemia" investigates the encounter between Central European Jews and other populations in the Czech lands among which they lived through an innovative thematic perspective, parting from the established paradigms of nationhood and assimilation, of majority versus minority. The situation of the Jews from 1880 until 1938 is taken as a case study that allows a unique analysis of political, social, cultural and religious affiliations and networks in the context of a multi-ethnic state. The issue not only adds to our knowledge about the central aspects of antisemitism and national affiliation. It also challenges ethnic definitions by focusing on their changing and interactive character as they were negotiated between the political and social camps in the ethnic triangle of Jews, Germans and Czechs.