

SILESIA – A CHALLENGE FOR POST-1989  
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Stating at the outset that there is a somewhat problematical notion, in modern Czech society, of Silesia as historically belonging to the Czech Republic, the authors examine the results of historical research on this topic since 1989. Since then, the topic of Silesia, particularly a closer look at its development and its importance in a national as well as a central European framework, has been an integral part of the quest for a new historical memory of society as a whole. The present contribution thus offers an annotated synopsis of important syntheses and encyclopaedic works concerning Silesia, published during the last 15 years by research groups and individual scholars affiliated with the Silesian Institute of the Czech Academy of Sciences, the Silesian Universities in Opava and Ostrava, some of them even with the Silesian historical society, Matice Slezská.