

## NEW LITERATURE ON THE EXPULSION OF GERMANS

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This is a detailed examination of five new publications by Czech and Slovak authors on discrimination, particularly in a legal sense, against Germans in Czechoslovakia after World War II and their subsequent expulsion, namely two studies by Tomáš Staněk, one dealing with the so-called “wild expulsions” between May and August, 1945, and the other with his exhaustive treatment of internment and forced-labour camps in Czechoslovakia 1945–48, a big monograph by Emilia Hrabovec on the expulsion of Germans from Moravia 1945–47, and two studies with a more regional focus, one by Milan Skřivánek on the Zwittau region and the other by Vojtěch Žampach on Brno 1945. The reviewer reaches the conclusion that as far as the expulsion is concerned Czech and Slovak scholars have named the big issues, opened up relevant archive materials, taken into account political implications and named the sociological and ethical questions involved, using common yardsticks for their verdict. What is still lacking, however, is a “comprehensive reaction from German (or German-language) scientific quarters”.