

SOCIAL HISTORY IN SLOVAKIA – AN OUTLINE AND NEW IMPULSES

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The author first sketches the situation and the specifics of Slovak historiography before 1989, which she regards as a strange mixture of features of Marxist ideology and an ethnocentric outlook. On the other hand, she points out that in socialist Slovakia, not all areas of historical research were equally politicised and that especially in the niches offered by historiography some studies as solid as they were innovative were undertaken. In the past 15 years, social history in Slovakia has not succeeded in becoming established as a separate discipline. But more and more often aspects of social history find their way into traditional studies, and a few historians make good use of the methodological potential of social history in their own research, mainly in minority research, research into everyday life and regional history. The author highlights the impulses going from ethnology to historical science, and calls for international and interdisciplinary cooperation to be intensified.