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8. Section of Historical Sciences

The section associated six workplaces whose research activities focused on research topics in the areas of historical sciences and archaeology which in an important way contribute to forming the cultural, national and state identities. Historical research focused on the issues of Czech historical area from the Early Middle Ages to the present, including the period of both totalitarian regimes. The research took into consideration both the European context in terms of diversity, continuity and integration and the challenges and threats of the contemporary global world. The history of the fine arts and music in the Czech lands was thoroughly placed in the European context. Archaeological research emphasised the development of methodology, particularly in cooperation with the methods of the natural-science disciplines. Since the archaeological potential of the Czech lands is ever more intensively being perceived as a part of the national cultural heritage, the quality information science of the branch was being developed along with the legal protection of archaeological monuments. The development and implementation of an information infrastructure for science and research, modern ways of processing and making the resource bases accessible and a prospective strategy for work with electronic documents have become the priorities of the historical and archaeological workplaces.

From the results from 2009, we present:

Pavlov VI: An Upper Paleolithic Living Unit (*Institute of Archaeology, Brno*)

A new settlement, labelled as Pavlov VI, was discovered in 2007. It is a part of the residential complex of the Upper Paleolithic Period mammoth hunters in the Dolní Věstonice – Pavlov area. The site included a central pit (perhaps the remains of a dwelling) surrounded by a semicircle of smaller pits, the skeletal remains of two mammoths, stone and bone tools and decorative objects. The survey enabled closer insight into the feeding methods of mammoth hunters. What is particularly important are the ceramic shards, some of which have been intentionally modelled as figures of animals while others bear the imprints of human fingers, textiles and animal fur. The first publication from the journal *Antiquity* 2009 was adopted by the foreign media and thus had a relatively broad international reception.



**The head of a feline, apparently a lion, burnt clay,
a new find from the locality of Pavlov VI**
(Photo: Archives of the Institute of Archaeology, Brno)

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ASCR 2009

Early Mediaeval Fortified Settlements in Bohemia

(Institute of Archaeology, Prague)

Assessments of the fundamental earlier surveys of early mediaeval fortified settlements led to one monograph and three studies in the main Czech journal and a prestigious German journal. The works provide, for example, a historical interpretation of the development phases of the Budeč fortified settlement, a new dating of the establishment of the fortified settlement in Libušín, a model of the economic base of the centre in Libice nad Cidlinou and information on construction techniques at early mediaeval Prague Castle. The works repay in a significant way Czech archaeology's debt to the country's most important archaeological monuments and to the surveys from recent decades; they have also produced new views of the historical period of the emergence of the Czech state.



Plan of the archaeological surveys in the complex of the early mediaeval fortified settlement of Budeč with the names of the survey leaders
(Photo: Archives of the Institute of Archaeology, Prague)

Cooperating entity: National Museum, Prague

Bartošková, A.: Budeč – ein bedeutendes Machtzentrum des frühen tschechischen Staates. Zeitschrift für Archäologie des Mittelalters (Köln) (in print).

Boháčová, I.: Dřevo v raně středověkých konstrukcích opevněné centrální lokality. Příklad Pražského hradu. Památky archeologické, Vol. CI (in print)

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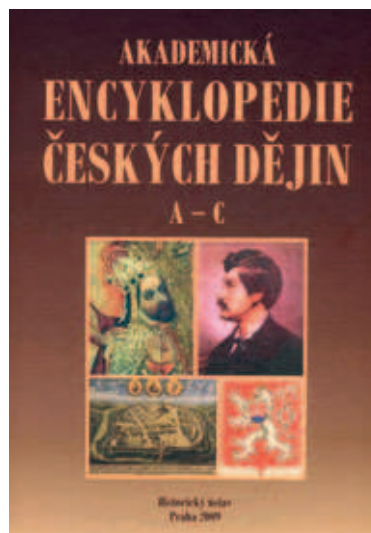
Academic Encyclopaedia of Czech History, Vols. A–C

(Institute of History)

The Academic Encyclopaedia of Czech History is a broadly conceived multi-volume work which provides a synopsis of the knowledge on Czech history from the Middle Ages to the present. The first volume contains an extensive corpus of synthetic treatises, characteristics and overviews, of which many had not been treated in this synoptic form before while others have had to rely on newly conducted research. The individual entries focus on the events, institutions and processes that shaped the life of the society in the Czech lands. They explain the general terms, organisational structures, ideological streams and cultural tendencies. The content of the entries captures the state of the art in historical knowledge at the beginning of the 21st century and presents topical results of research on themes hitherto neglected or not covered systematically.

Cooperating entities: external co-authors from various institutions including the ASCR and higher education institutions

Pánek, J. et al.: Akademická encyklopedie českých zemí, Vols A–C. Institute of History, Praha 2009. 384 pp.



The cover of the book by Pánek, J. et al.: Academic Encyclopaedia of Czech History, Vols A–C
(Photo: Archives of the Institute of History)

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A History of the Czech Lands

(Institute of History)

The book presents a synoptic explanation of the history of the Czech lands from prehistory until the birth of the Czech Republic in 1993. The English version (it was published in Czech by the Karolinum publishing house in 2008 under the title *Dějiny českých zemí*) is the first work which mediates the history of the Czech lands to foreign readers in such an extent and quality. The history of the Czech lands is presented with an emphasis on the progress of the Czech society, national minorities, culture, religion, economy and the landscape in the context of the political transformations. The synthetic work provides an orientation in the history of Central Europe, represents contemporary Czech historiography and reflects Czech history and culture in an international context.

Cooperating entity: *Institute for Contemporary History*
Pánek, J. – Tůma, O. – Boubín, J. – Cibulka, P. – Gebhart, J. – Ondo-Gřečková, M. – Hájek, J. – Harna, J. – Hlavačka, M. – Kocian, J. – Kučera, M. – Mikulec, J. – Pernes, J. – Polívka, M. – Semotanová, E. – Suk, J. – Třeštík, D. – Žemlička, J. – Šmahel, F.: *A History of the Czech Lands*. Karolinum, Praha 2009. 639 pp.



The cover of the book *A History of the Czech Lands*
(Photo: Archives of the Institute of Archaeology, Brno)

Viktor Dyk and T. G. Masaryk.

Two Reflections of Czechness

(Masaryk Institute and Archives)

This monograph summarises in a synthetic way for the first time the history of the relations between Viktor Dyk and T. G. Masaryk throughout the period transformations of Czech national fates in the first third of the twentieth century. It compares the various intellectual and political positions of both men and their different conceptions of Czechness, Czech and ultimately Czechoslovak statehood. The appendix reprints several reactions to these disputes in Viktor Dyk's literary work and key letters which both protagonists exchanged as their confrontation came to a head in 1929.

Cooperating entity: Lidové noviny publishing house
Tomeš, J.: *Viktor Dyk a T. G. Masaryk. Dvojí reflexe češství*. Nakladatelství Lidové noviny, Praha 2009. 204 pp.



The cover of the book entitled *Viktor Dyk and T. G. Masaryk: Two Reflections of Czechness*
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The Comprehensive History of the Lands of the Bohemian Crown – Architecture

(Institute of Art History)

The book builds upon the extensive project, The Comprehensive History of the Lands of the Bohemian Crown, which the new thematic series is to complement by a one-volume synoptic history of individual fields. The volume devoted to architecture covers the entire period beginning with the buildings of the Great Moravian Empire to the present. Focusing on key works and architects, it interprets them in the context of the wider cultural development of the Czech lands. This is the first time since 1961 that such a complete survey of the history of Czech architecture has been published here.

Kratochvíl, P. – Muchka, I. P. – Petrasová, T. – Prix, D. – Švábka, R.: Velké dějiny země Koruny české – tematická řada: Architektura. Paseka, Praha 2009. 808 pp.



The cover of the book The Comprehensive History of the Lands of the Bohemian Crown – Architecture
(Photo: Archives of the Institute of Art History)



Josip Plečnik, The Church of the Most Sacred Heart of Our Lord, Prague-Vinohrady, 1928–32
(Photo: Archives of the Institute of Art History)

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Common People...?! Insight into the Life of the So-Called Silent Majority. Biographical Stories Told by Members of Labouring Professions and the Intelligentsia *(Institute of Contemporary History)*

Based on the analysis and interpretation of more than a hundred of interviews with members of the labouring professions as well as professions of the so-called working intelligentsia, the publication deals with the key question of how 'common people' living in Czechoslovakia then experienced and perceived the era before 1989. The interdisciplinary research team consisting of representatives of several generations deals from various perspectives with among others the questions of the history of representations, the study of the lives of particular professional groups or social structures, everyday problems and everyday life, regional history or topics of the contemporary historical semiotics. Twelve interpretation studies are complemented with a set of four dozen edited interviews.

Vaněk, M. (ed.): Obyčejní lidé...?! Pohled do života tzv. mlčící většiny. Životopisná vyprávění příslušníků dělnických profesí a inteligence. *Academia, Praha 2009. 1835 pp.*



The cover of the book **Common People...?! Insight into the Life of the So-Called Silent Majority**
(Photo: Archives of the Institute of Contemporary History)

Other important results:

1. The development of fortification techniques in Moravia and Czech Silesia in the Early Middle Ages (*Institute of Archaeology, Brno*)
2. Lithic Chipped Industry of the Bell Beaker Culture in Moravia and its East-Central European Context (*Institute of Archaeology, Brno*)
3. 2000th anniversary of the Roman military campaign against Maroboduus (*Institute of Archaeology, Prague*)
4. Migration of Chadic speaking pastoralists within Africa based on population structure of Chad Basin and phylogeography of mitochondrial L3f haplogroup (*Institute of Archaeology, Prague*)
5. Josef Němec: The Extraordinary Husband of an Extraordinary Woman (*Institute of History*)
6. An Imperial and Royal Civil Servant in Golden Age of Security (*Institute of History*)
7. Meeting Minutes of the Czechoslovak Government in London I (1940–1941) (*Masaryk Institute and Archives*)
8. The Institutional Framework for the Humanities and Social Sciences in the Czech Lands 1848–1952 (*Masaryk Institute and Archives*)
9. A Depiction of a Sovereign in the Sacred Paintings of the Counter-Reformation and Baroque Period. An Iconological Study to the Sovereign Representation of Emperor Ferdinand II in Bohemia (*Institute of Art History*)
10. Karel Teige and Typography: Asymmetrical Harmony (*Institute of Art History*)
11. Dropping, Maintaining and Breaking the Iron Curtain: The Cold War and East-Central Europe Twenty Years Later (*Institute for Contemporary History*)
12. Lives for Ransom. Exports and Forced Donations of Works of Art during the Emigration of Jews from Bohemia and Moravia 1938–1942 (*Institute for Contemporary History*)