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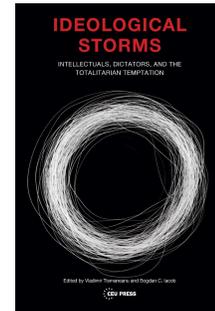


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"Karel Kosík argued that the practical test of the Czech question was after all the Slovak question."-from the volume on [intellectuals and the totalitarian temptation](#).

"Despite his sensitivity for Slovak requests, Kosík remained deeply bounded to his own national context. He expressed the Czech part of the wished-for transformation from ethnic to political nationhood; he did not do any effort to understand the Slovak part of the story."

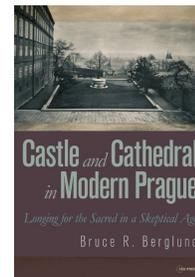
"The earlier hope cherished by the Party ideologues and some Marxist theorists that, along with the economic progress, Slovak national sentiments would start to merge with the morally and politically higher socialist patriotism based on the Czechoslovak statehood, proved to be of no avail."



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Moravian Slovakia's famous son, the first president of Czechoslovakia remained true to his roots. "If anything, Masaryk was a Slovak, and later in life he identified himself as such both privately and publicly. When he first came to the Bohemian capital at age thirty-two, Masaryk had little knowledge of the city. He even had trouble writing in Czech."-from a book on [Masaryk's pet project](#).

The letters that Alice Masaryková, founding director of the Czechoslovak Red Cross sent her father "sometimes wrote in English, the language of Masaryk's wife, and sometimes in Slovak, the language of Masaryk's youth."



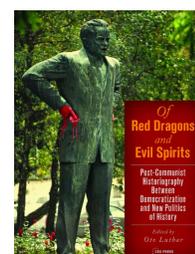
"Lagging political reforms brought Slovakia under criticism from the important international players: an exasperated US Secretary of State, Madeleine Albright, famously referred to the country as the 'black hole in the heart of Europe,' and the European Commission threatened to leave the country out of the list of frontrunners for EU membership."-from a collection of essays on the [nationalism-economy nexus](#).

"In both the Czech Republic and Slovakia, privatization methods that were once seen to embody the highest national purpose were discredited as vehicles of particularist interests once the crisis began. The Slovak project of 'national capitalism' was now decreed as 'crony capitalism.'"



"A gap opened up between academic discourse, cultivated in the environment of universities and scientific institutes, and a public discourse, cultivated by and enthusiastic amateurs and witnesses (often returning émigrés) claiming to be the rightful interpreters of history."-Post-communist [memory politics](#) in Slovakia are discussed in a comparative collection.

"The clash of these groups was most dramatically observed in the mid-1990s in the so-called Ďurica case. It was launched by the publication of an auxiliary textbook by the émigré historian and professor of theology."



"Some sociological surveys after 1989 have revealed that many Slovaks are able to view both the Slovak National Uprising and the Tiso regime positively."



Books on the backlog, older topics on top, contemporary issues below, click here for more:

- The [Gesta Hungarorum](#) of Anonymus has been familiar to Slovak historians for long. See extract below from the Latin-English bilingual publication;
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- The five-volume undertaking of comparing documents on [national identities](#) in east and central Europe includes [Hrdlicka](#) (1785), [Kollar](#) (1821), [Suhajda](#) (1834), [Stur](#) (1846), [Palarik](#) (1860), [Pavlu](#) (1910), [Lajciak](#) (1920), [Tiso](#) (1930), [NovomeskÁ½](#) (1936), [Chorvath](#) (1939), [Polakovic](#) (1940), [Hanus](#) (1941), and [Hodza](#) (1942);
- Processes of nation-building within the [Habsburg Monarchy](#) and other empires in Europe;
- Similarly to Margita Figuli's other writings, [Three Chestnut Horses](#) is a meditation on the meaning of love and compassion in the context of current social problems;
- The case of [Rusyns in Slovakia](#) occupies an important part of the encyclopedic work that follows the history of Carpatho-Rusyns over centuries;
- The [Shoah](#) in the area under Hungarian rule between 1938 and 1945;
- Efforts for the return of civilians whom the [Red Army abducted](#) for forced labor;
- The position of the [Catholic Church](#) in the new Slovakia between 1945-1948;
- How did the Czechoslovak [road to Stalinism](#) differ from the other stories in Eastern Europe?
- The main stages and features of the [collectivization of agriculture](#) in the former Soviet-dominated Eastern Europe, and how the dramatic transition from communism to capitalism affected [rural communities](#);
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- What impact did [Radio Free Europe](#) and the Voice of America have on Eastern Europe?
- An unparalleled resource of primary documentation on the [Prague Spring](#);
- Re-assessing the significance and consequences of the events associated with [the year 1968](#) - highlighting events in Czechoslovakia;
- Slovak [artists' engagements](#) in the natural environment at the turn of the 1960s and during the 1970s;
- A [comparative monograph](#) examines the grass-roots activism of the secret Catholic Church in Slovakia and the Lutheran Church in East Germany;
- Fresh interpretation of the [revolutions of 1989](#) and the [collapse of Soviet](#) domination in documents - see some extracts from the latter below;
- Slovak [historiography](#) in the 1990s between the national and trans-national agenda and similar dilemmas around creating a Slovak [collective memory](#) in the post-communist world, as well as the analysis of the [political use of history](#) in Slovakia's neighbors (Poland, Ukraine, Hungary);
- The many ways of [looking back to the communist past](#);
- Together with 28 more post-communist transition countries, the political and economic performance of Slovakia is also examined as part of a search of varieties of [transition models](#);
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- An erudite essay on the [political economy of transition](#) from command to market economy, and a book that discusses the impact of [institutional trust](#) on economic growth;
- Comparing the [first 20 years](#) of Czechoslovakia's successors;
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