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FRANTIŠEK PALACKÝ'S VISION FOR AUSTRO-SLAVISM: A HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

Summary

The objective of this article is to examine the emergence of Austro-Slavism as well as its influence on František Palacký's political beliefs and ideas. In addition to that, the German interpretation of Central Europe through the concept of "Mitteleuropa" will be used as a comparative idea in order to explain the historical context of Austro-Slavism and the threat it posed to the Czech nation. Throughout the annals of history, the Germans and the Czechs have held divergent interpretations of Central Europe. While the Germans viewed it as a political tool to advance their national objectives, the Czechs saw it as a means to foster unity and collaboration among diverse populations. This article will concentrate on the Czech perspective of Central Europe, as exemplified by František Palacký, a prominent Czech historian and a central figure in the Czech national movement.

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