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Overview

The branch investigates Czech, Czechoslovak and world history since 1945. Currently, the research focuses on the communist period in Czechoslovak history and the history of Czechoslovak democratic exile after 1948. The study of the history of exile is related to gathering of estates of important exiled personalities, documents from exile organizations and publications.

Organizational structure

The Brno branch is part of the Institute for Contemporary History of the CAS, based in Prague 1, Vlašská 9.

Projects and grants

The branch staffers are involved in tasks that result from the research focus of the parent institution: comprehensively conceived multi-layered exploration of contemporary history, including social history, everyday life history, history of ideas, economic history and history of international relations. Specifically, they are involved in such projects as *Industrial Workers in the Czech Lands in the years 1938 - 1948*, supported by the Grant Agency of the Czech Republic (GA13-10279S) for the years 2013-2017, and they continue to address issues arising from the recently completed project *Communist Party of Czechoslovakia and Bolshevism*, which was also supported the Grant Agency of the Czech Republic (GA409/08/1621) in the years 2008 - 2012. The branch staffers are also involved in the project *History of the City of Brno*, coordinated by the Faculty of Arts, Masaryk University in Brno.

International cooperation

The branch works with the US Fund for Assistance to Czechoslovakia. In July 2004, it presented an independent block on non-defeatist attitudes of residents of Brno at the turn of the 1960 and 1970 at the World Congress of the Society for Science and Arts in Olomouc. Currently, it is also involved in *ETZ Project Stories - Stories on the border/Geschichte an der Grenze* (Project of the Objective 3 Programme: European Territorial Cooperation Austria - Czech Republic 2007-2013, European Regional Development Fund, realized during the years 2009-2012). The Brno Institute for Contemporary History branch staffers partici-

pated in the international seminar Die Tschechoslowakei und Österreich 1933/1938 - 1948/1949, held on April 26, 2012, in Prague, by the contribution entitled *Wilde Vertreibungen „an der englisch-österreichischen Grenz 1945 (Beispiel der Umsiedlungsaktion Partisanenabteilung unter dem Kommando Oberst Hobza)* and the 5th Czech - Austrian historians days on December 7, 2012 in Raabs an der Thaya (Austria), where they presented a paper on the *Border zone in Czechoslovakia and its impact on economic development and changing cultural landscape near the Czech-Austrian border*.

Cooperation with universities

The branch employees lecture at the Faculty of Arts and Faculty of Social Studies at the Masaryk University in Brno.

Public services

A specialized library and lecture hall serve mainly university students. For prospective students, a collection of documents relating to the history of democratic Czechoslovak exile after 1948 is also available. The branch collaborates with the Center for the Study of Democracy and Culture in Brno (CDK); on September 6, 2004, they jointly organized a conference on *Soviet occupation of Czechoslovakia and its victims* in Brno, on April 18, 2005, a conference dedicated to the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II, and other lectures and seminars.