

**Abstract (in English):**

This thesis maps the professional activity of the Czechoslovak historian and sociologist Jan Slavik during the 1920s and 1930s and focuses mainly on his research on the Bolshevik Revolution and Stalinism, while the detailed analyses of his views on the epistemology and theory of the historical process are also provided. Great attention is paid to gradual change of Slavik's perception on those two fundamental events during a relatively short historical timeframe. Slavik's opinions are further contrasted with the perception of the Soviet Union present in works of other prominent Czechoslovak historical and cultural figures such as was the controversy which occurred between Jan Slavik and his fellow historian Zdenek Nejedly.