Staging the Peasant. 
Regional Exhibitions from Prague 1891 to Brno 1928

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Abstract

This talk focuses on two exhibitions that took place in Prague during the late Habsburg monarchy – the 1891 Jubilee Exhibition and the 1895 Czechoslovak Ethnographic Exhibition – and contrasts them to an exhibition organized in interwar Czechoslovakia in 1928. It explores the varied exhibiting strategies of organizers and exhibitors and focuses on exhibitions as means of promoting ideas of nationhood based on the political context in which they occurred. It pays particular attention to the displays of ethnographic material and its use in the context of the spectacle of a great regional exhibition.

The Czechoslovak Ethnographic Exhibition, Prague, 1895