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The Slavs are an important presence in European history from the early Middle Ages yet they have been somehow considered as peripheral to European history at least until ca. 1800 when Herder writes. Their contribution to European history is rarely discussed especially in Western Europe, far away from the Slavic settlement area. And yet:

1. Who are the Slavs and do they have common cultural features apart from their shared linguistic group?  
Or: How are these other features imagined by Slavs and not Slavs?
2. Is it possible to speak of »the Slavs« without any essential attributions? How do the Slavs (Croats, Czechs, Poles, Russians, Ukrainians, Slovenes...) differ from one another, now and in historical perspective? What relates these groups in specific ways to different European and not European people, countries and cultures?
3. **Which role does Literature play in the Cultural History of the Slavs in the European Context?**  
What did they take from other European literatures?  
What did they give to them in different epochs?
4. How is research applying the contemporary theories in the field of literary cultural studies (Cultural Memory Studies, Gender Studies, Postcolonial Studies...) to the Slavs? How can these theories help to understand the macro-historical processes – e.g. integration and isolation – characterizing the Slavs in their relation to the rest of Europe?

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Front picture: from the theatre play Caesar, by  
Jiří Voskovec and Jan Werich, 1932

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