

The Poverty of Territorialism: Message

- Space no set of containers
- Control must be shared
- Soft planning for soft spaces

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1. Preliminaries: My Path to Becoming Critical

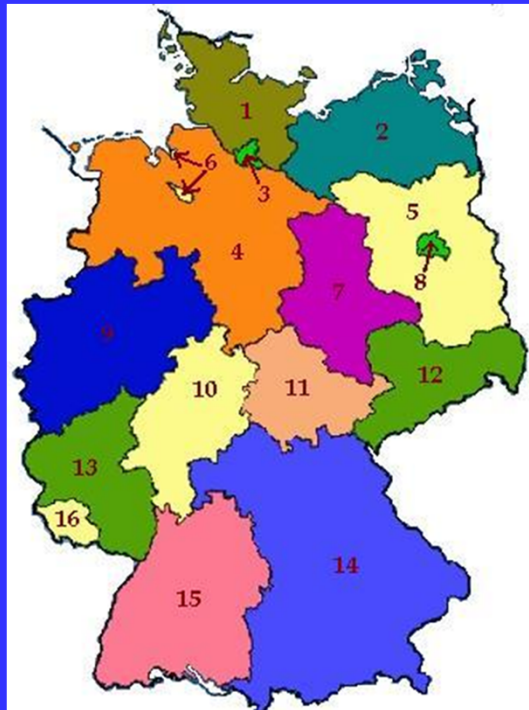
- Mad chase for European spatial planning
- Exploring Europe – the EU – and its enemies
- Subsidiarity/Multi-level governance
- Sovereignty & representative democracy



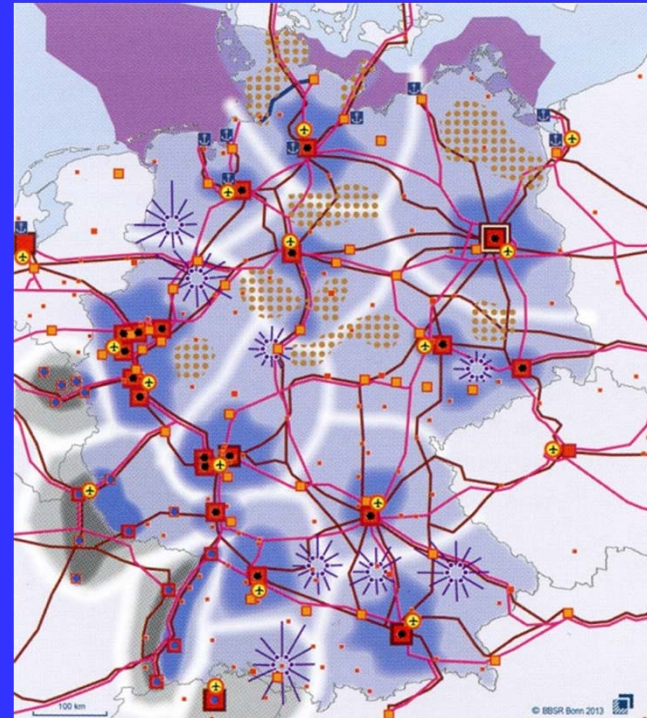
Territorialism

1. Preliminaries: Space as an Object

Territory, absolute space



Real space, soft, functional



1. Preliminaries: Notions of Space

Administrative space:

- Land use planning, public works

- Municipal, regional, national, EU territory

- Pursuing policies of public administrations

Real Space:

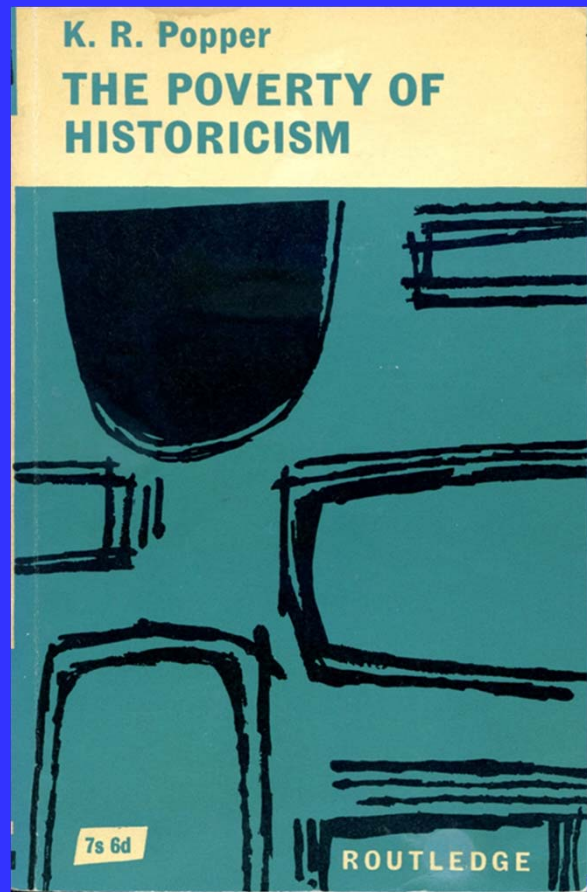
- Place-location-ensemble: soft borders

- Taking networks into account

- Overcoming borders

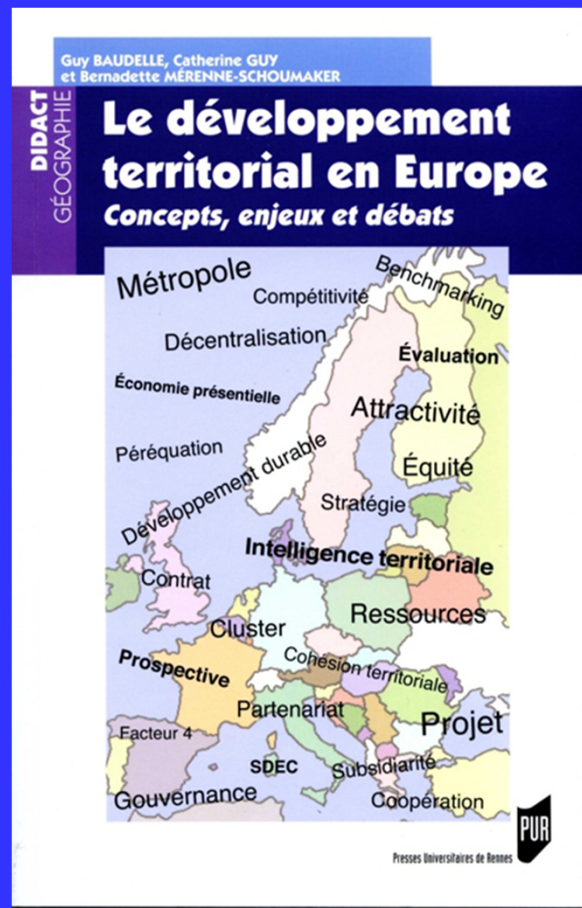
- Powder keg

2. Historicism and Territorialism: Source of Inspiration



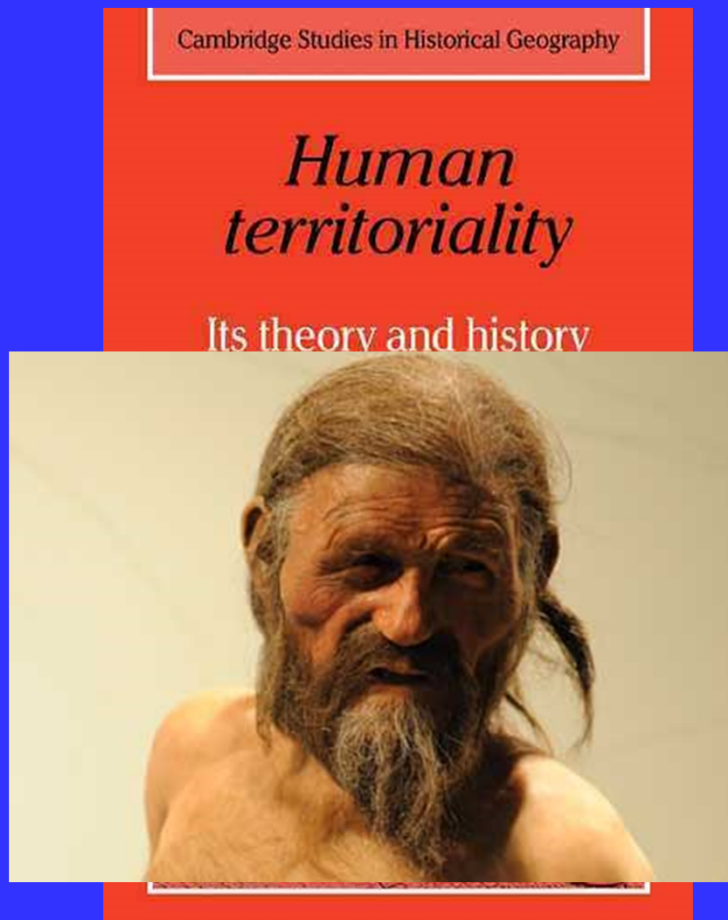
- Historicism misconceived on methodological grounds
- Planning under territorialism cannot work either:
 - Scarcity of land relative
 - Cross-border effects
- Good planning defines its own space

2. Historicism and Territorialism: The Concept



- Territory:
 - Sovereign
 - Control
 - Borders
- Territorialism: Macro social space organised in districts, towns, provinces, countries and regions
- Metageography: Spatial structure of thought

2. Historicism and Territorialism: Territoriality



- '... the attempt ... to affect, influence, or control people, phenomena, and relationships, by delimiting and asserting control over a geographical area...' (Sack 1986: 19)
- Mapmaking drawing precise boundaries = territorialism's productive force

3. The Case for Territorialism

- Territorialism and territoriality in animals and humans
- “My home is my castle”
- Principle of social organisation (meta-geography)
- Security, emotional satisfaction, solidarity
- States epitomes of territorialism



4. Territorialism and EU Crisis

- Reassertion of territorialism:
- Immigration, Schengen, Dublin



EU Supra-national, inter-governmental or *sui generis*?

But it may also wither away!

→ Integration Mark II:

→ World cities, functional regions and NGOs

5. The Neo-medieval Alternative

- Not back to Middle Ages
- Overlapping functional arrangements
- Sovereignty and democracy must become less territorial
- 'Global cities', (functional) regions gaining
- Pursuing interdependence, 'whatever it takes'
- EU "may well be doomed, but this is not all bad news for European integration" (Zielonka 2014)
- Abandoning ever closer union = Copernican revolution but:
- Status quo **no option**

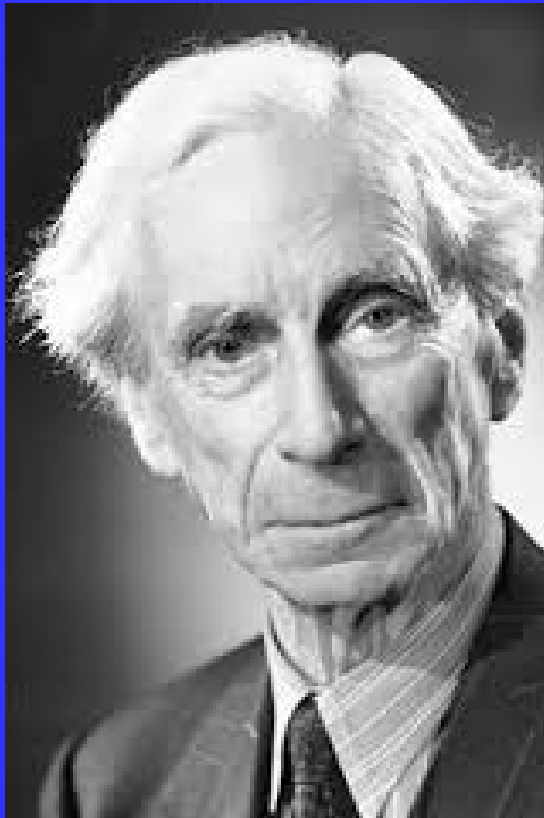


6. Neo-medieval Planning

- Abandon the mad chase for spatial integration
- Parallel, overlapping plans
- Ever-more-complex configurations (Harrison 2013)
- EU policies addressing spatial configurations cross-cutting local, regional, and national boundaries:
 - Europe an archipelago
 - States ice floats
 - Europe a cloud



7. Concluding Comment



I think the universe is all spots and jumps, without unity, without continuity, without coherence and orderliness or any other properties that governesses love. Indeed, there is little but prejudice and habit to be said for the view that there is a world at all. Physicians have recently advanced opinions which should have led them to agree with the foregoing remarks; but they have been so pained by the conclusions to which logic would have led them that they have been abandoning logic for theology in shoals. (Sir Bertrand Russell 1949)