Central Europe as a Shifting Zone: “Nostalgia” for Habsburg Monarchy and Sovereign States in the Interwar Period

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Central Europe

Introduction

1a. Hodža in Habsburg Monarchy (-1914)
1b. Popovici’s Great Austria
1c. Renner & Bauer (Socialists)

1a. Milan Hodža in Habsburg

Habsburg → Austria-Hungary (1867-1914)
Network in Hungary
- Banská Bystrica (Slovak), Sopron (Hungarian), Sibiu (Romanian), Budapest
- Belvedere Circle with Franz Ferdinand
  - Vienna & non-Magyar nationalities vs. Hungary
  - Critical Condition of Franz Jozef I in 1914

1b. Popovici’s Great Austria

United States of Great Austria in 1906
- Aurel C. Popovici (Romanian)
- 15 semi-sovereign states
  - ex. German-Austria, German-Bohemia, German-Moravia, and “national enclaves”

1c. Renner & Bauer (Socialists)

Karl Renner (Austrian Soc. Democrat)
  - Dualistic National Autonomy
    - Territorial autonomy & Personal autonomy
    - 2 parliaments for every citizen
Otto Bauer (Austrian Soc. Democrat)
  - Theorization of Nation and Socialism
    - Nations will come into flower in Socialism, and be accessible to all people.
2a. Naumann’s Mitteleuropa

- Hodža’s Großes Reich & Weltmacht
  - Memorandum to the Archduke in 1911
- German “Imperialistic” Liberalist, Naumann
  - Hohenzollern or Habsburg Empire?
- Mitteleuropa as “Fruits of the War”
  - Large Political & Economic Zone
- Opposition from Slavic People?
  - Austria Germans & Magyars…

2b. Richard’s Pan-Europe

- Richard Coudenhove-Kalergi as a Savior?
  - His famous (?) mother, Mitsuko
- Pan Europa (1923), Pan European Congress
- O. Schpengler’s “Decline of the West” (1918-22)
  - The Great War as a Trench Warfare
- Richard’s Dangerous Game?
  - Sympathy with Dollfuss (Austria) & Mussolini…

2c. Hodža’s Democracy & CE

- “Dangerous” Neighborhoods?
  - Hungary (Little Entente), Austria, Czech people?
- Peasant’s Democracy & Central Europe
  - Peasants as Middle Class?
  - Structural Problems in Agriculture
- Second World War & Central Europe
  - Great Depression & Munich Pact in 1938
  - Central Europe as a corridor

Richard and Mitsuko

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The Proposed Federation of Central and Eastern Europe in One All-Embracing Political and Economic Union.

Central Europe, ca. 1930.


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Central Europe: Gone with Crises?


Central Europe: Frontier of EU?

- Fatigue (?) with Enlargement, Financial Crisis…
- Schengen vs. Historical Ties on Eastern Borders
- Central Europe’s Old and New “Mission”?
  - ENP (European Neighborhood Policy)