Introduction

- The Slovak—“European”
  - Milan Hodža (1878–1944)
  - Return from USA (2002)
  - Federation in Central Europe (London, 1942)
  - Communism & Cold War
  - Dzurinda & Mečiar

- Welcome back to Europe?
  - 1989 & European Union
  - Central Europe reloaded?

V. Mečiar versus M. Dzurinda in Slovakia

- Premier (-1998)
  - Anti-Democratic
  - Authoritarian, Anti-EU

  - Democratic
  - Pro-EU

1. Maps of Central Europe

- 2 types of Central Europe?
  - German Mitteleuropa
    - Taboo? Memory of Nazi, expansionism?
  - Non-German Central Europe
    - “Zone of Small Nations”
    - Corridor between two Powers?

- 2 patterns of revival?
  - German type and non-German one?

Mitteleuropa is still alive?

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


2 (1). Central Europe before & after 1989

- Former Eastern Europe
  - Central Europe as a “kidnapped Occident”
  - György Konrád, Antipolitik (1985)
  - Střední Evropa [Central Europe] (1984–) dissidents’ samizdat in socialist system

- Return to Europe from 1989
  - Legitimacy of the EU membership?
  - Historical approach
    - Interwar period, Habsburg Empire, Polish-Lithuanian Union.
2 (2). Central Europe before & after 1989

- Revival of CE in 1980’s in Germany
  - “Normal” Germany for “New Rights”
  - Tragedy of CE in the East-West confrontation
  - CE under the initiative of Germany?
- German Unification (1990) & Rights
  - Return to the original Geographical position?
  - Central Europe vs. Globalization
- Yugoslavia Wars in 1990s & Germany
  - Mission of Germany?

3 (1). CE in the Interwar Period

- Hodža as a Lost Figure in Oblivion
  - Loser? Anti-Communist?
- His Central Europe & Agrarian Democracy
  - Western vs. Central (Industry vs. Agriculture)
- Farmer as a Bearer of Democracy
  - Discipline, Religion, Family and Soil
  - Ordered Freedom
  - Land Reform & Private Property
  - The Third Way between Capitalism & Socialism
  - Ordered Economy


3 (2). CE in the Interwar Period

- Hodža Plan (1936)
  - 6 countries: Little Entente (CS, RO, YU) + Rome Protocol (AT, HU, IT)
  - “One Single Great Economic Unit”
  - “Agricultural Bureau” for Farm Surplus
  - But... shadow of Nazi-Germany
- Richard Coudenhove-Kalergi (1894-1972)
  - Paneuropa (1923) & Colonies
  - Between Democracy & Fascism/ Nazism


Conclusion: Mitteleuropa is still alive...

- Imagined Central Europe
  - Invented Eastern Europe (18c)
  - West-Center-East (19c)
  - Real Border between Europe and Asia?
  - Continuity of the Border (18c-21c?)
- Central Europe & Orientalism
  - Ex. Slovak Foreign Policy (21c) for Balkans & Central Asia
  - EU is still expanding and the border is moving...