Inducing the Metropolitan Region of Central Germany

Multiple Spatial Dimension of Politico-Economic Discourses

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The Big Picture

The Phantom Region Central Germany
Research Project at Goethe University Frankfurt/Main

Investigating the unfolding processes of political exploitation of spatial concepts to legitimise and sustain political action

Case Study: Central German Metropolitan Region

Context: Political discourses of regional economy, culture, mobility, and family
Aims and Objectives
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- This presentation aims to
  - illustrate the interplay of multiple, coexistent, and becoming spatialities of regions
  - exemplify the everyday utilisation of this multi-dimensional spatial organisation by political stakeholders in an economic context
Central German Metropolitan Region
Economic Discourses
Central Germany or...
Central German Solar Cluster

- Solar Valley Central Germany
  - Industry Cluster supported by:
    - Ministry of Economics, Labour and Transport (S)
    - Ministry of Science and Economics (S-A)
    - Ministry of Economics, Labour and Technology (T)
  - Institutionalised through Solarvalley Ltd
    - Offices in Erfurt, Halle, and Dresden
  - Registered Associations on Sub-regional Level
Central German Solar Cluster
Central German Chemical Cluster

• Cluster Chemistry / Plastics Central Germany

• Industry Cluster supported by:
  • Ministry of Economics, Labour and Transport (S)
  • Ministry of Science and Economics (S-A)
  • Ministry of Economics, Labour and Technology (T)

• Ministry of Economics and European Affairs (BB)

• European Chemical Regions Network (ECRN)
Central German Chemical Cluster
Central German Logistics Region

- Cluster Transportation and Logistics
  - Industry Cluster supported by:
    - City of Leipzig (Saxony)
    - City of Halle (Saxony-Anhalt)
  - Institutionalised as registered association:
    Network Logistics Leipzig-Halle
- Cross-Sector Network in the Central German Region
- Access to Eastern European Markets
Central German Logistics Region
Preliminary Findings
Regions are always in ‘becoming’
  - They are temporal and never fixed (even though they appear to be)

Regions are multi-dimensional
  - They are constituted by multiple spatialities (places, networks, territories and more)

Regions are territorial phantoms
  - They have contextually different contours and shapes (however, they draw on territorial container)
Thank You

Questions?