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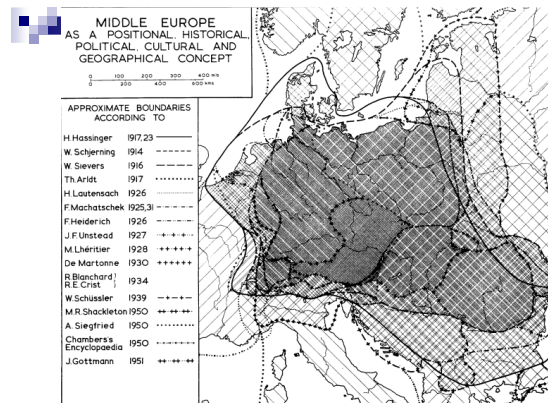
"Nostalgia" for Habsburg Monarchy and
Sovereign States in the Interwar Period

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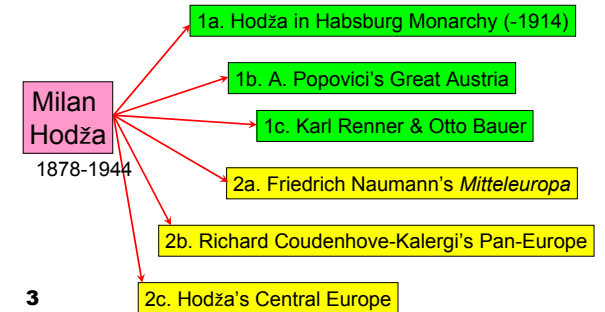


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Introduction

Central Europe



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1a. Milan Hodža in Habsburg

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

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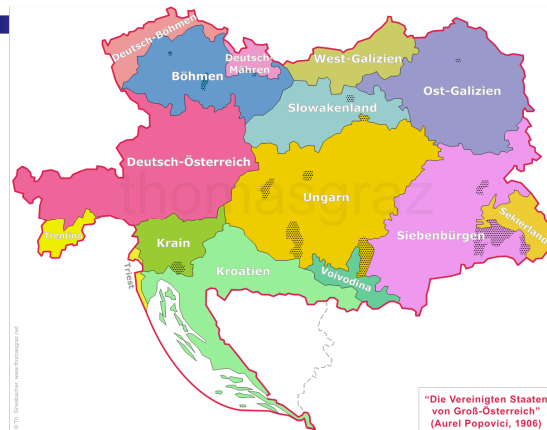
Central Europe, 1910.
Source: P. R. Magocsi, *Historical Atlas of Central Europe* (Seattle, 2002), no.36.

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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"

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"Die Vereinigten Staaten von Groß-Österreich" (Aurel Popovici, 1906)

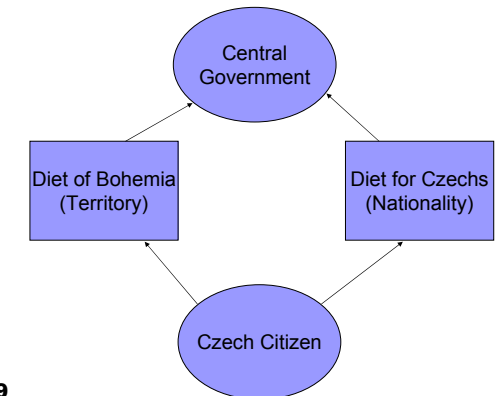
Source: <http://www.thomasgraz.net/glass/map-popov.htm>

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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.

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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...

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2b. Richard's Pan-Europe

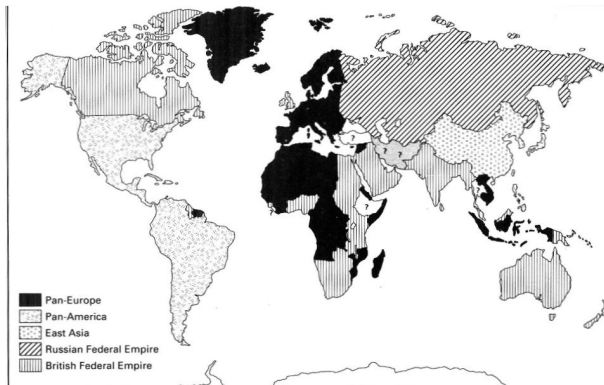
- Richard Coudenhove-Kalergi as a Savior?
 - His famous (?) mother, Mitsuko
 - *Pan Europa* (1923), Pan European Congress
- O. Schpengler's "Decline of the West" (1918-22)
 - The Great War as a Trench Warfare
- Richard's Dangerous Game?
 - Sympathy with Dollfuss (Austria) & Mussolini...

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Richard and Mitsuko



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The future world order according to R.N. Coudenhove-Kalergi's *Pan-Europa* (1923)

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Source: Peter M. R. Stirk, *A History of European Integration since 1914* (London: Continuum, 2001), p. ix.

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

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Source: <http://www.americanhungarianfederation.org/>



Central Europe, ca. 1930.
Source: P. R. Magocsi, *Historical Atlas of Central Europe* (Seattle, 2002), no.49.

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The Proposed Federation of Central and Eastern Europe in One All-Embracing Political and Economic Union, Source: Felix Gross, *Crossroads of two Continents: A Democratic Federation of East-central Europe* (Columbia University Press, 1945), p.28.

Conclusion

- Central Europe: Gone with Crises?
 - Jacques Le Rider, *La Mitteleuropa* (1994).
- 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)

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