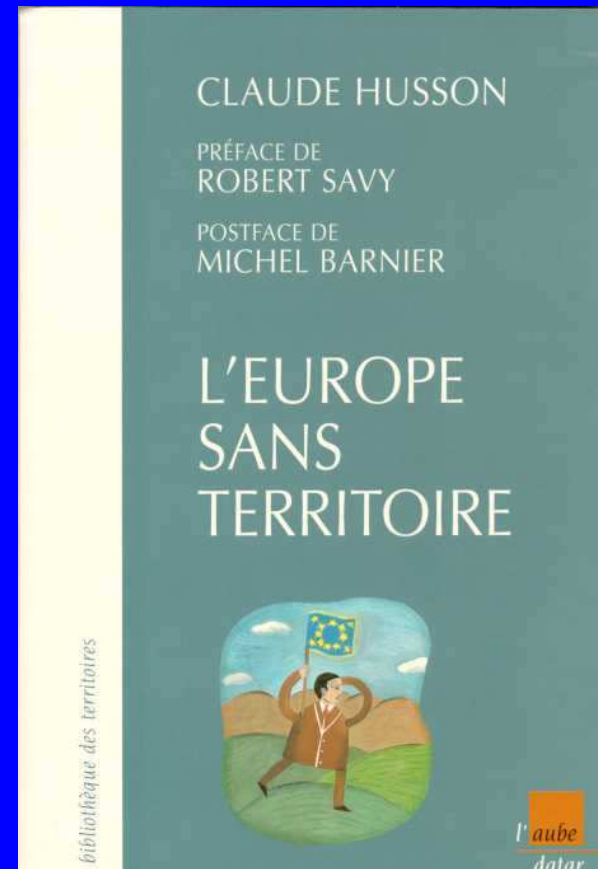


Fundamental Issues in European Spatial Planning

- The arena: EU territorial cohesion policy
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The arena: EU territorial cohesion policy

- A French concept
- Part of cohesion policy
- Resolution of competence issue?



The Territorial Agenda

- Member states mark their positions
- Support for territorial cohesion policy
- New challenges:
 - Climate change
 - Energy
- Lisbon Agenda

Treaty of Lisbon and Green Paper

- Back to square one?
- Community method or “learning machine”?
- Green Paper: Define territorial cohesion!



Re-thinking European spatial planning: Issues

- 'Constitution' of EU & nation-state
- Territory and territoriality
- What role left?

Re-thinking European spatial planning: 'Constitution'

- Breaking the supranational/intergovernment mould:
 - No emergent federation let alone a superstate
 - Re-nationalisation a dead end
 - “Sui generis”?
 - (Neo-medieval) empire? (Zielonka 2006)
 - “Cosmopolitanism”? (Beck 2006)
- Nation-state itself changing:
 - Locus of globalisation/Europeanisation
 - One of many “assemblages” (Sassen 2006) or “SOA”s” (Rosenau 1999)
 - Emergence of transnational elites (Sassen 2006; Faludi 1997)

Re-thinking European spatial planning: Territory

- Defining characteristic of nation-state
- Underlying competence issue
- Based on an image of yesterday's world:
 - Methodological territorialism (Delanty, Rumford 2005)
 - Methodological nationalism (Beck 2006, Sassen 2007)
- Territoriality in the network society?
- Overlapping jurisdictions/borderlands
- Multi-level governance (Hooghe, Marks 2003)

Re-thinking European spatial planning: What rationale?

- Multi-level governance: Type 1 & 2 (Hooghe, Marks 2003)
- Spatial planning prefaced on bounded territory:
 - Space a scarce resource
 - Need for coherence of (spatial) policies
 - Spatial planning part of identity-building
- Relates to yesterday's world:
 - Territory and identity unbounded
 - Overlapping and cross-cutting jurisdictions
- No common framework

Conclusions

- Multiple visions
- Result will be a confusing jumble
- No more confusing than reality!

