

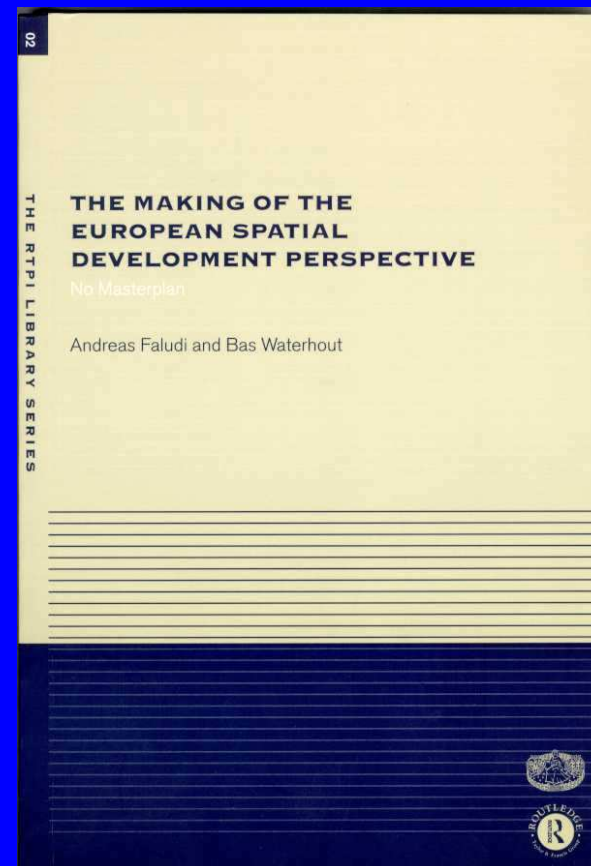
Territorial Cohesion: Old (French) Wine in New Bottles?

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Introduction

- He who pays the piper...
- A fresh start?
- Territorial cohesion



Aménagement du territoire: Paris et le désert français

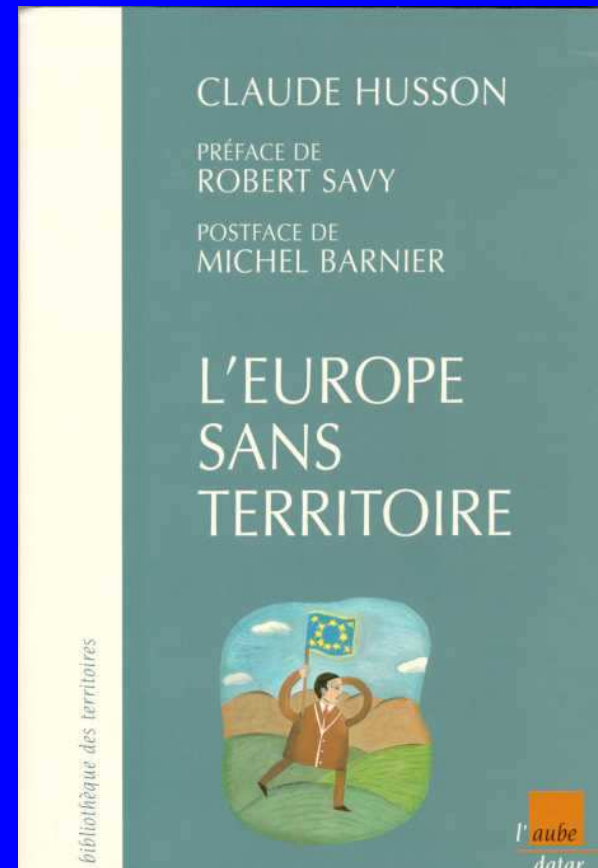
- Over-concentration
- *Métropoles d'équilibre*
- *Plan d'Aménagement du Territoire 1962*
- *Délegation à l'aménagement du territoire et à l'action régionale (DATAR)*
- *Contrats de plan Etat-Région (CPERs)*
- An export article

Aménagement du territoire: Adaptations

- Law Pasqua: *schéma nationale*
- Law Voynet (*Loi d'orientation pour l'aménagement et le développement du territoire*):
schémas de services collectives
- 'agglomérations' and 'pays'

A fresh start?

- Article 16 EC Treaty
- *Project de territoire*
- Players and their networks
- Beyond Amsterdam
- The 'European model of society'



A new consensus: A French 'non-paper'

- EC regional policy after enlargement
- Addressing 'territorial organisation'
- Territorial on *a par* with economic and social cohesion
 - Regional policy becoming spatial policy
 - Joint responsibility
 - ESDP part of European Strategy for Sustainable Development

A new consensus: The German position

- Expert opinion shifting
- German concerns dovetail with French:
 - recognise Community planning role under the flag of territorial cohesion
 - formalise ESDP
 - relax constraints under competition policy

A new consensus: Joint position paper

- ESDP framework, also for EC policies
- Qualitative territorial indicators
- Support for European projects
- Relax competition policy:
 - allow member states to pursue regional policy
 - allow support for services of general economic interest

Conclusions

- Nothing wrong with old French wine in new bottles!
- Territorial cohesion presupposes coordination at Brussels, but:
“Coordination across units and directorate-generals is perceived to be an endemic problem in the Commission.” (Hooghe 2001)