

HISTORY OF CENTRAL EUROPE

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LECTURE 1

- ◉ Organization of the course
- ◉ Definition of the concept of Central Europe and the Introduction to the History of Central Europe in the Middle Ages and the Early Modern Times

ORGANIZATION

- ◉ Introduction
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- ◉ Attendance - allowed one unexcused lecture
- ◉ midterm test (09/11/2014) and final test (17/12/2014) 50 - 46 A; 45 - 41 B; 40 - 36 C; 35 - 31 - D; 30 - 25 - E
- ◉ Reading

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CENTRAL EUROPE

- ◉ What is the definition of CENTRAL EUROPE?

Or

- ◉ Where is CENTRAL EUROPE?

EUROPE



CENTRAL EUROPE

- ◉ Demarcation of the region - CE:
 - Geographical
 - Historical and political development, CE as a cultural unit
 - Religion
 - Political and economical development
- ◉ A Yearbook of Central European Culture characterizes Central Europe "as an abandoned West or a place where East and West collide"
- ◉ Germany's Constant Committee for Geographical Names defines Central Europe both as a distinct cultural area and a political region. George Schöpflin and others argue that Central Europe is defined by being "a part of Western Christianity", while Samuel P. Huntington places the region firmly within Western culture.

GEOGRAPHICAL DEMARCATIION OF CE

- ◉ Germany, Poland, Hungary, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Austria, Switzerland, Liechtenstein (last 3 - Alpine countries)
- ◉ Earlier publication - CE includes also Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxemburg and Romania (1935)

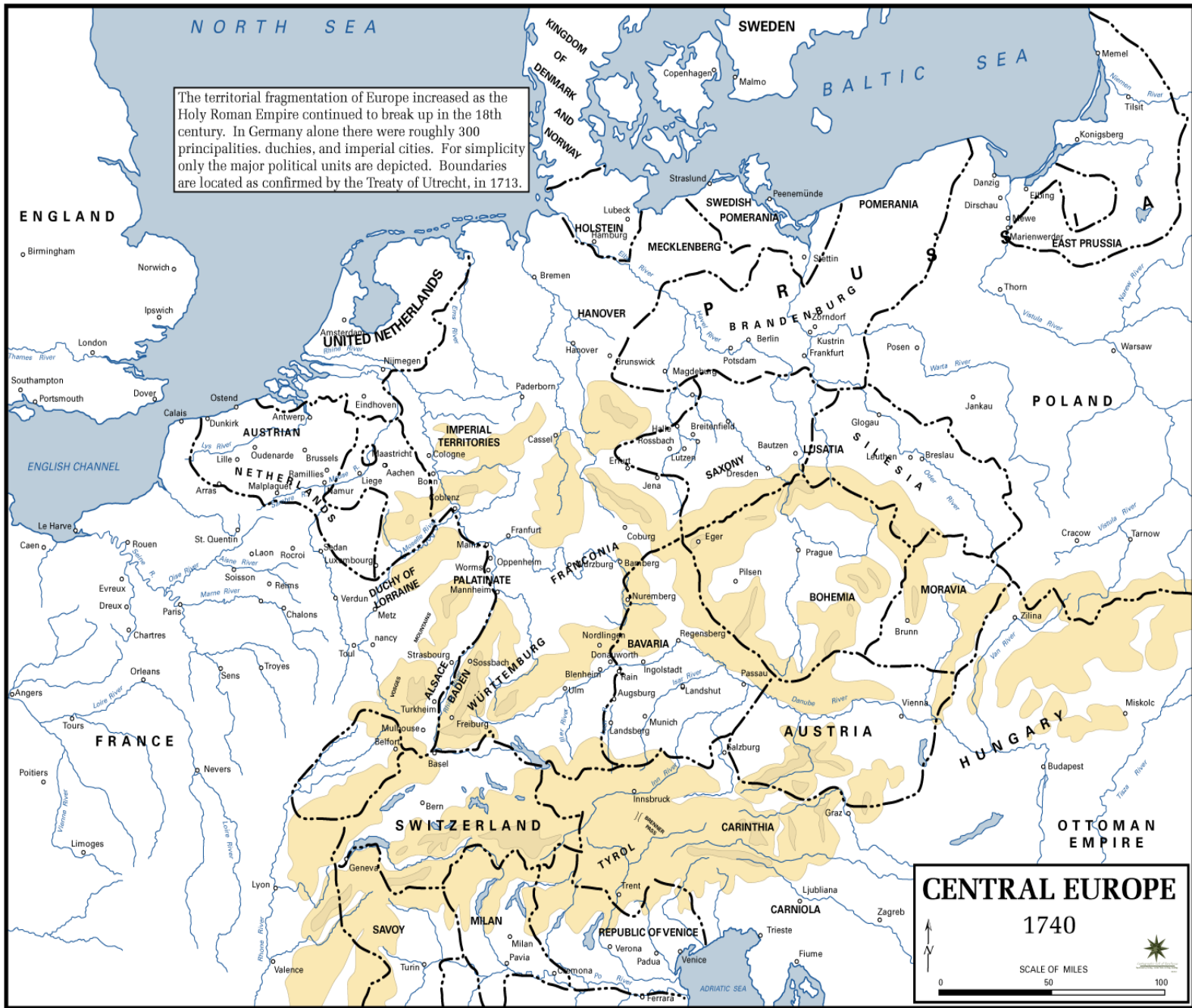
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- ◉ Slovenia, Croatia (new concept)
- ◉ climate, water - shed, mountains

HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT OF CENTRAL EUROPE

- ◉ CE - direct influence of „Germany“ (Holy Roman Empire, The Habsburg Monarchy)
- ◉ Division of CE - capitalistic bloc x Soviet Bloc

The territorial fragmentation of Europe increased as the Holy Roman Empire continued to break up in the 18th century. In Germany alone there were roughly 300 principalities, duchies, and imperial cities. For simplicity only the major political units are depicted. Boundaries are located as confirmed by the Treaty of Utrecht, in 1713.





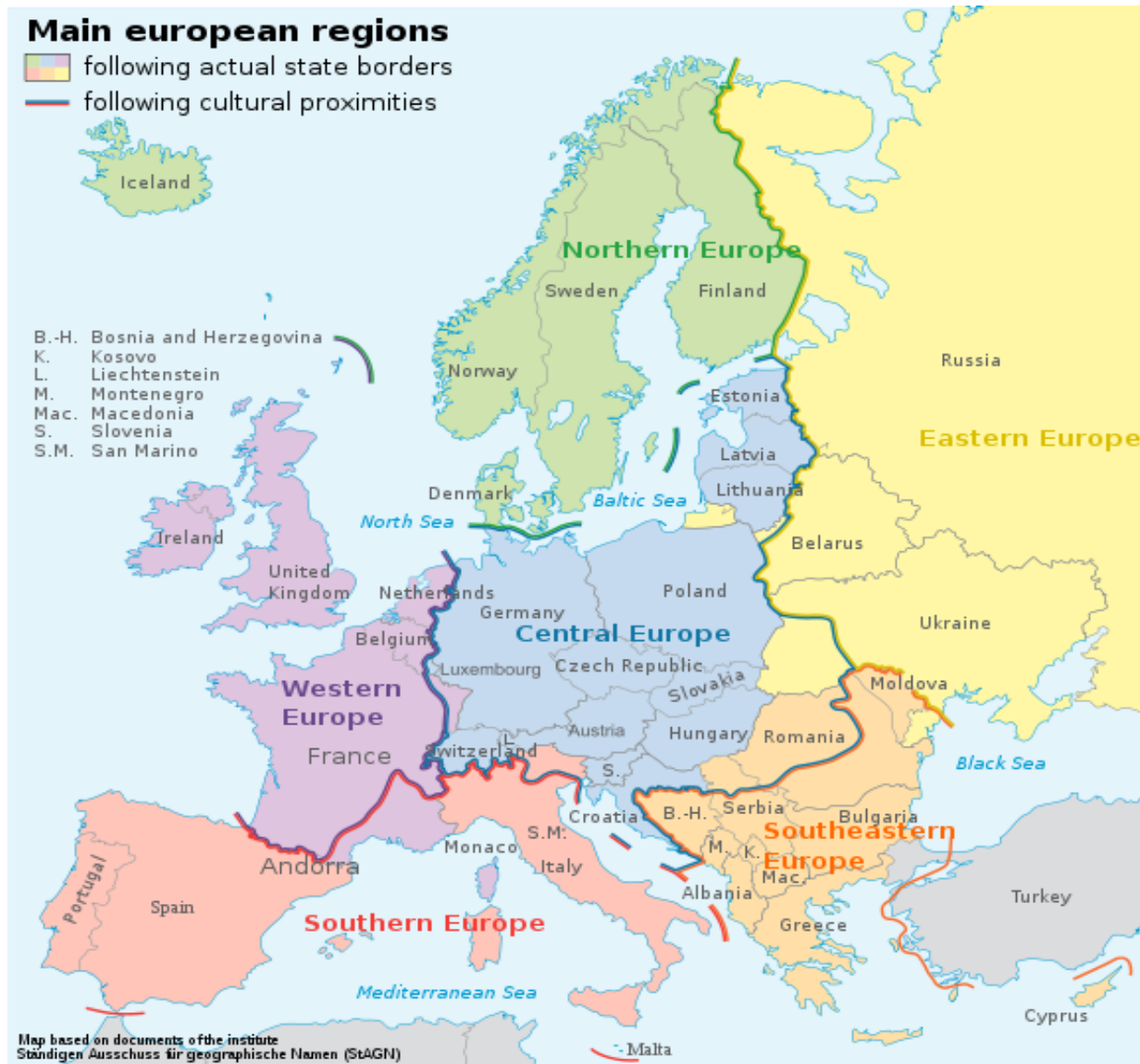
Divided Europe During the cold war, Europe was divided into opposing military alliances, the North American Treaty Organization (NATO) and the Warsaw Pact (Communist bloc).

CE AS A CULTURAL UNIT?

- ◉ Cultural concept of CE - till 1795 (disintegration of Poland) - The Habsburg Monarchy, Poland, Lithuania, part of Bavaria (this region had many common interests: politics, literature, architecture, fear of Russian Empire, Osman Empire, Swedes and Prussians)
- ◉ 1867 - emergence of Austria - Hungary and CE as a cultural unit: Czech part, Austria, Slovakia, part of Poland part of Ukraine, Hungary, Transylvania, western Romania, Vojvodina, Croatia, Slovenia, South Tyrol and Bavaria

CENTRAL EUROPE

- ◉ Before World War I: German idea of “Mitteleuropa”

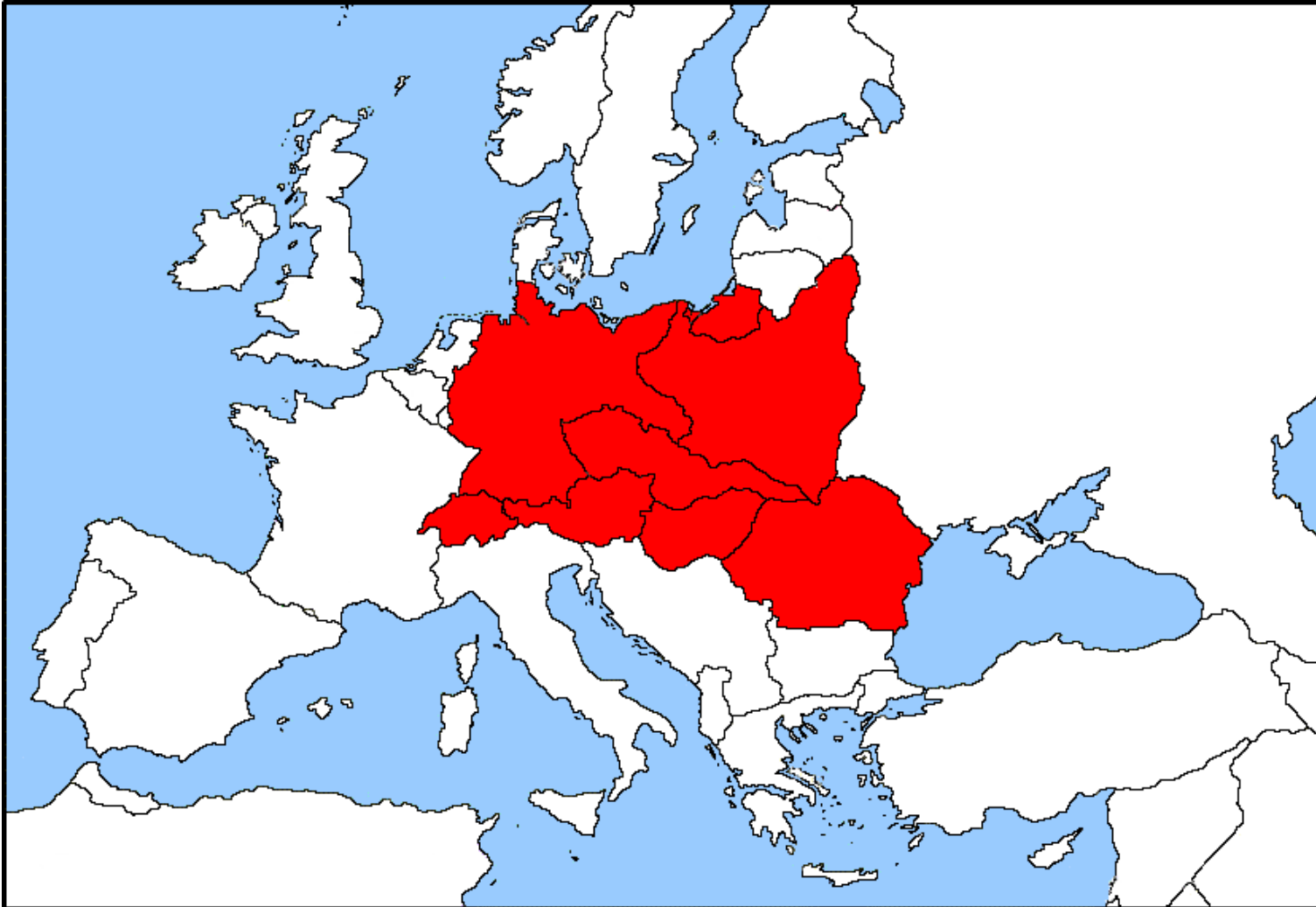


CENTRAL EUROPE

- 1904 in Berlin Central European Economic Association (economic integration of Germany and Austria-Hungary with eventual extension to Switzerland, Belgium and the Netherlands)
- T. G. Masaryk - CE space between Germany and Russia

CE: INTERWAR PERIOD

- **Emmanuel de Martonne** (Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Romania)



CE: INTERWAR PERIOD

- Little Entente



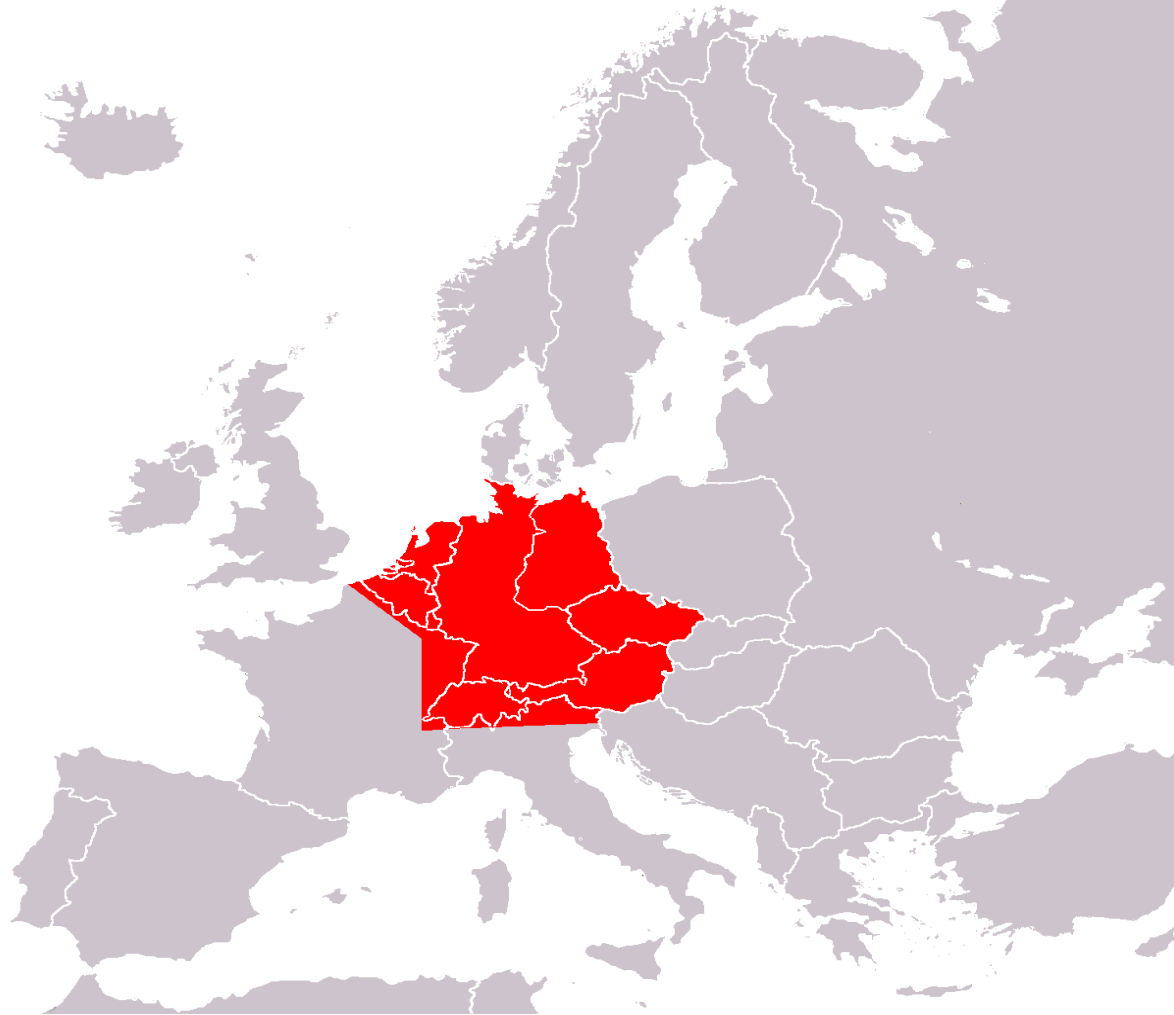
CE AFTER WW II

- ◉ As a part of the Eastern Bloc - East Germany, Poland, Czechoslovakia and Hungary
- ◉ E. Schenk (1950)



CE: AFTER WW II

- A. F. A. Mutton (1961)



CE: AFTER WW II

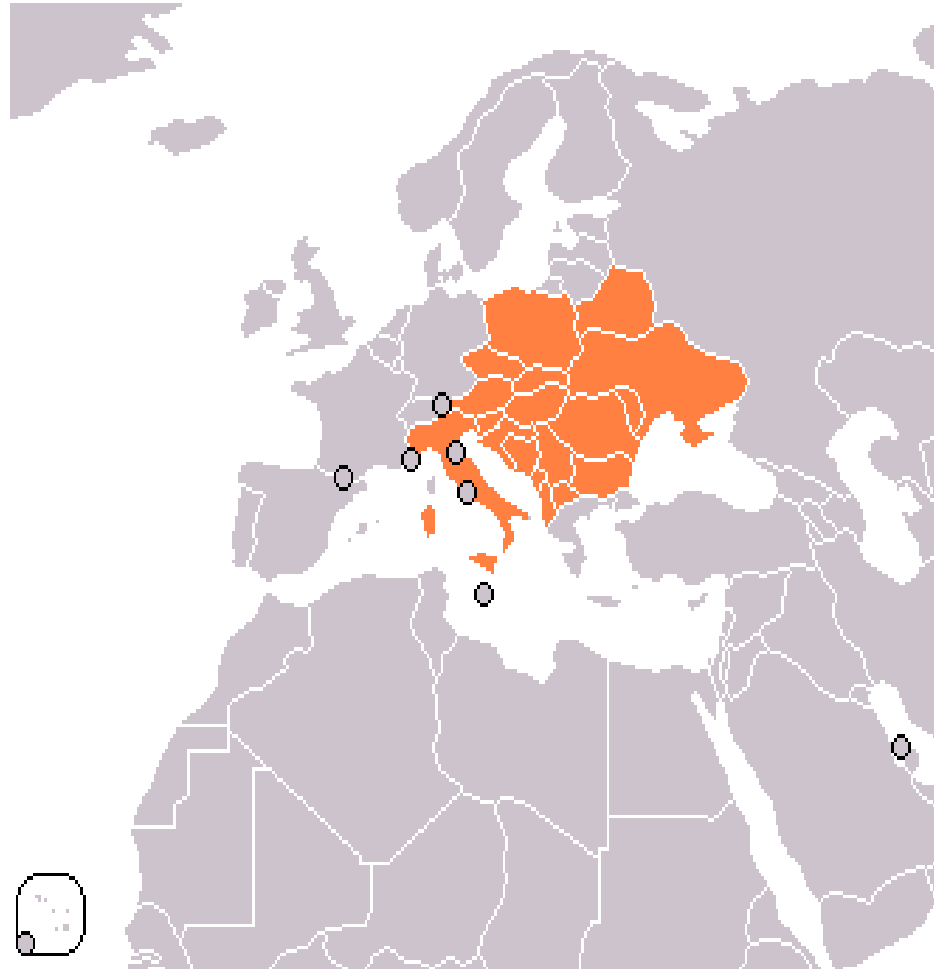
- Meyers Encyclopedia (1980)



CE 1989

○ Central European Initiative - forum of regional cooperation

Albania, Austria, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Italy, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia and Ukraine; founders were Italy, Austria, Hungary and the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (SFRY).



CE AFTER 1989

- **Visegrád Group:** <http://www.visegradgroup.eu/about>



CE AFTER 1989

○ CEFTA

- Former parties are Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia. Their CEFTA membership ended when they joined the EU. Croatia is set to join the EU in 2013.
- of 1 May 2007, the parties of the CEFTA agreement are: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia and UNMIK on behalf of Kosovo. [

ERDF (CENTRAL EUROPE PROGRAM)

- ◉ Operational Program 'Central Europe' Program under the European territorial co-funded by European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)
- ◉ Czech Republic, Germany, Italy, Hungary, Austria, Poland, Slovenia, Slovakia

CENTRAL EUROPE

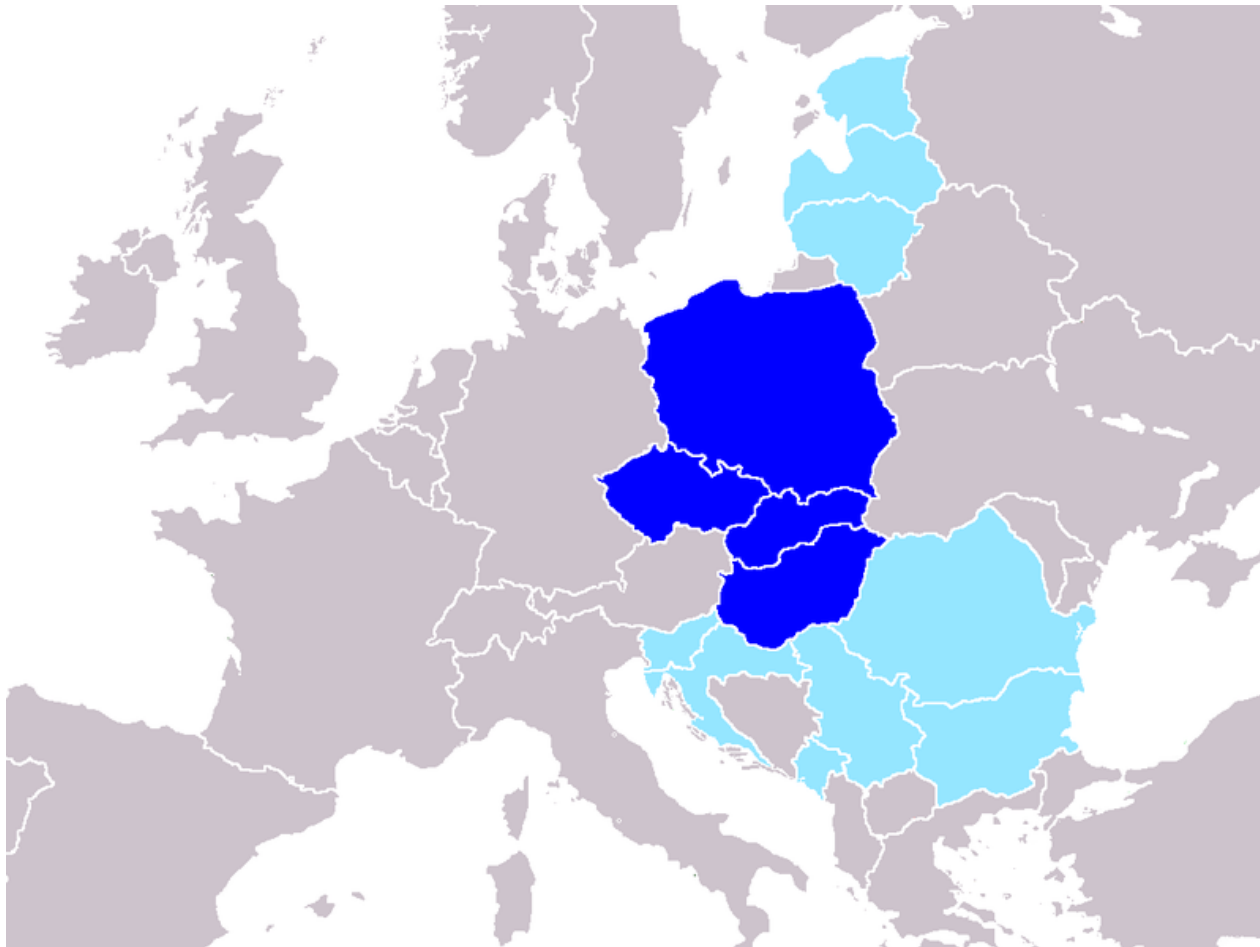
- CE - Visegrad group, in a broad sense - Austria, Slovenia, Lithuania and sometimes Estonia + Latvia, + Germany
- Hugh Seton-Watson, Ivan Bérénd a György Ránki - CE: Czechoslovakia, Poland, Hungary and Balkans - Eastern Europe
- Oskar Halecki - 2 macro regions (west and east), region of 2 CEs - important transition zone between West and East x Friedrich Naumann's Mitteleuropa - alliance between German Empire and Austria - Hungary

CE: LONNIE R. JOHNSON
RELIGIOUS FRONTIERS BETWEEN THE ROMAN
CATHOLIC WEST AND THE ORTHODOX EAST



CE: PETER J. KATZENSTEIN - v4

AND CUNCONTESTABLE WAY TO DECIDE WHETHER THEY ARE PARTS OF CENTRAL EUROPE OR NOT



CE: RONALD TIERSKY - V4



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