

Where the EU and Hungary Seem to Agree: Cross-border Cooperation

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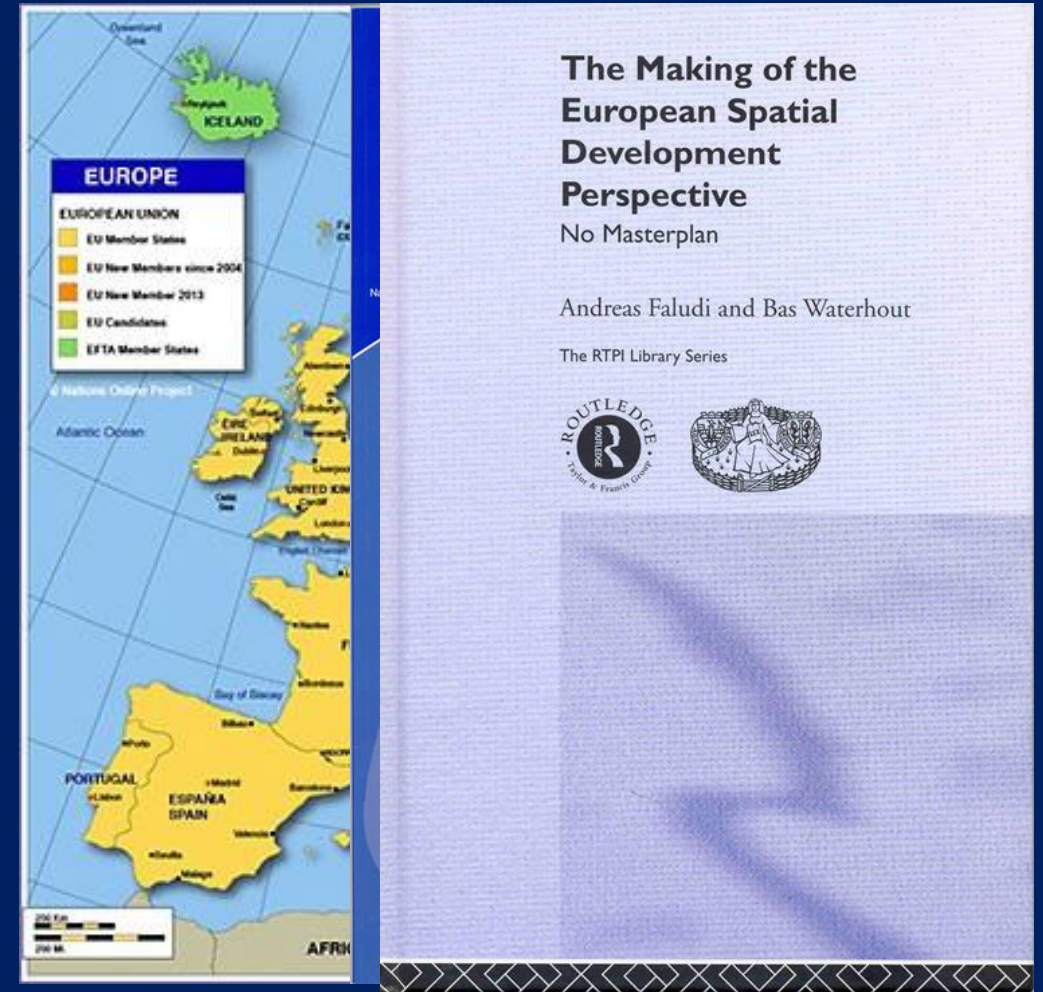
My Border Crossings

- Born in Budapest, Andrassy út 37
- Left at age six
- Grew up in Austria
- Today Dutch citizen
- No longer Hungarian speaker
- Language of choice: English



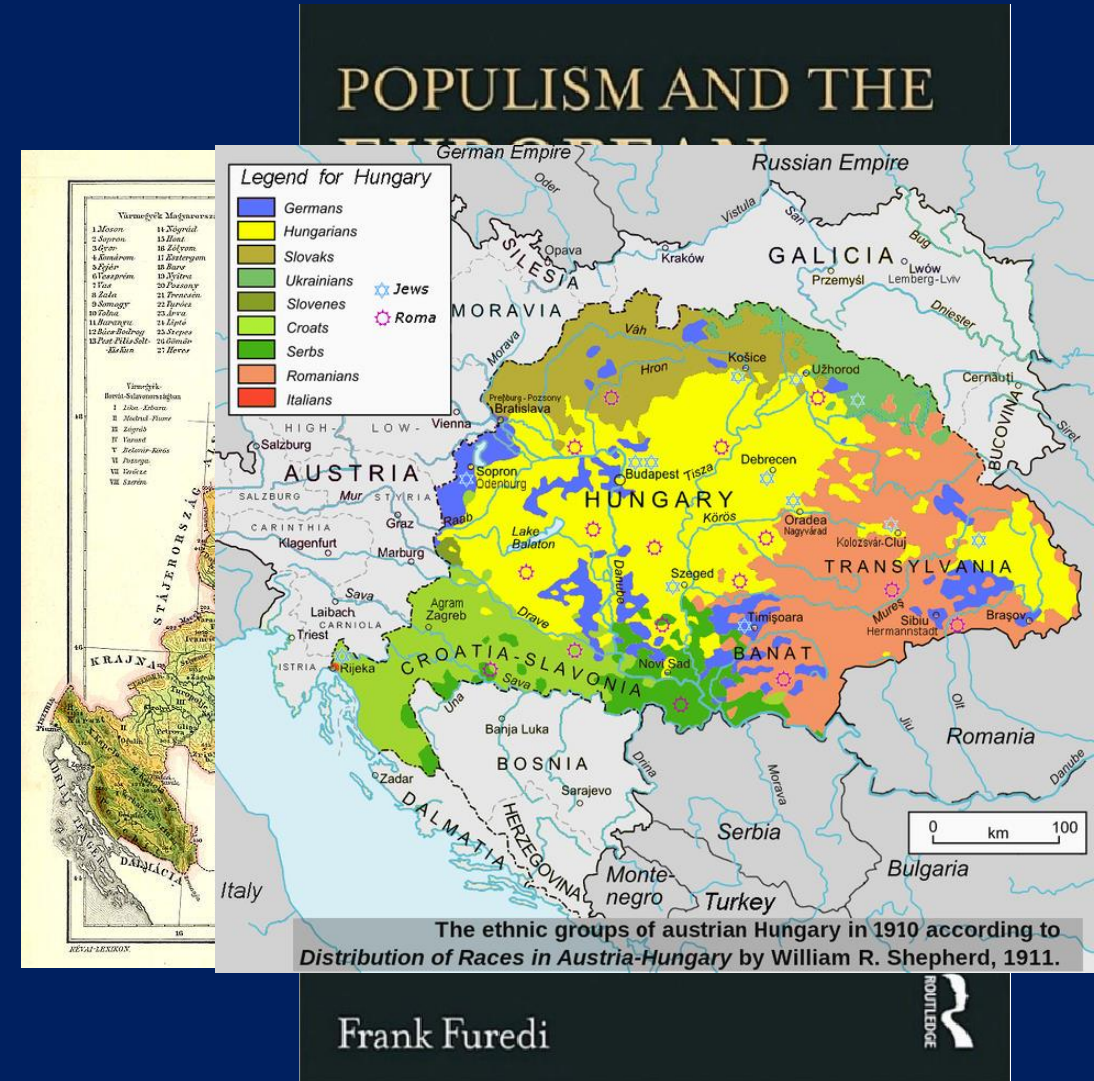
Introduction

- EU spatial planning **problematic**
- Up against **territorialism**
- EU **enveloping** member states
- Is there an **EU territory**?
- Borders **constitutive** of territories
- Borderlands **challenge** territorialism



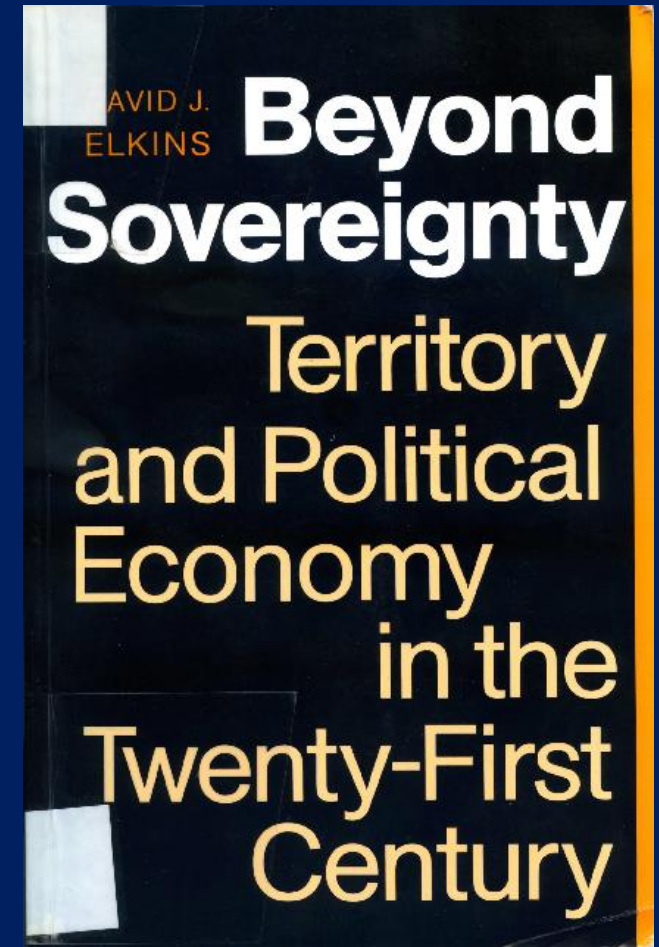
Hungarian Puzzle

- **EU abolishing sovereignty** (Magyar Nemzet 25/2/2019)
 - ...counter the **anti-populist crusade** against national sovereignty.' (Füredi Ferenc 2018)
 - Yet HU government promotes **CBC !?**
 - 2 readings:
 1. **Szent Korona Országai**
 2. **Cooperative sovereignty**
- **Sovereignty key**



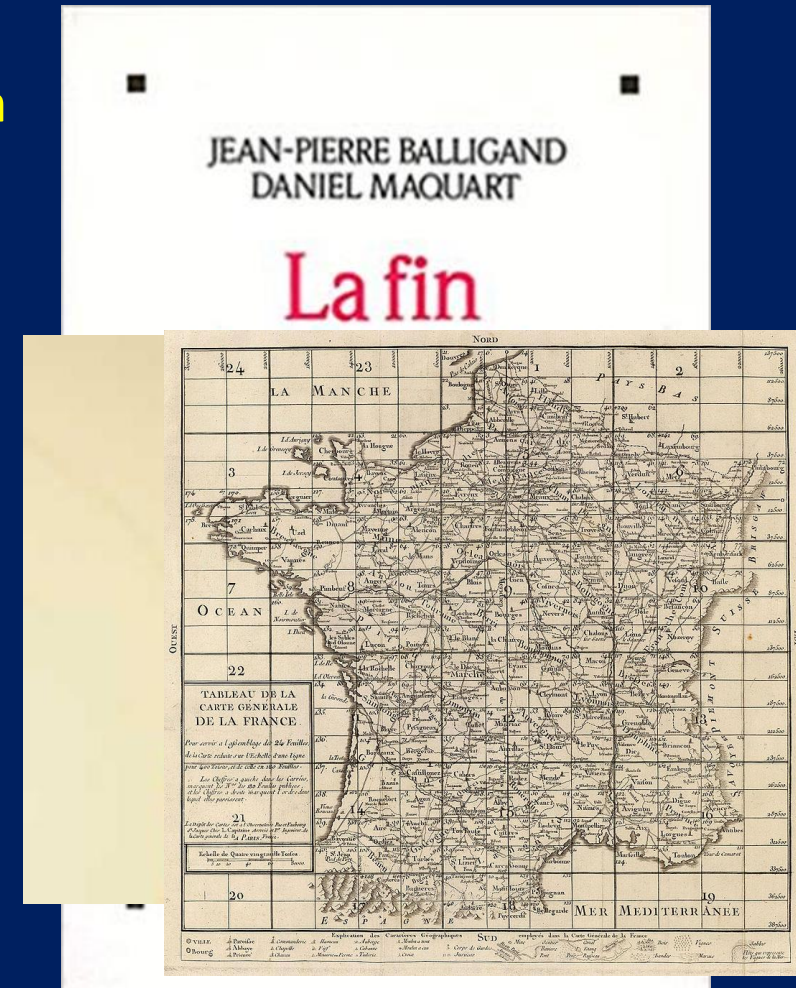
Sovereignty: Modernist Construct

- After the king, the people needed a **national identity** ‘... founded on a biological continuity of **blood relations**, a spatial continuity of **territory**, and **linguistic commonality**. (Hardt, Negri 2000, 5)
- With the **French Revolution**, territoriality, homogenous beliefs, and popular consent came together in the **modern nation-state**. (Elkins 1995, 48)
- The ... ways in which most aspects of our lives have been ... **packaged in containers** called nation-states have been **increasingly challenged**... (ibid. 15)



Territorialism: Allocating Power and Responsibility

- Space ‘... **wholly organized** in terms of ... **districts, towns, provinces, countries and regions**. In times of statist territorialism more particularly, countries have held **pride of place** above the other kinds of territorial realms." ' (Scholten 2000, 47)
- ‘The **foundational principle** ... is the **submission** of all that space contains ... to one **single authority**... enclosed by a **frontier** ... (Balligand, Maquart 1990, 31)
- **Surveyors** marking **border lines** on maps **make it possible**
- Still: ‘...**no modern state** can now be regarded as being **fully sovereign** in a de facto sense...’ (Nuggent 2010, 421)



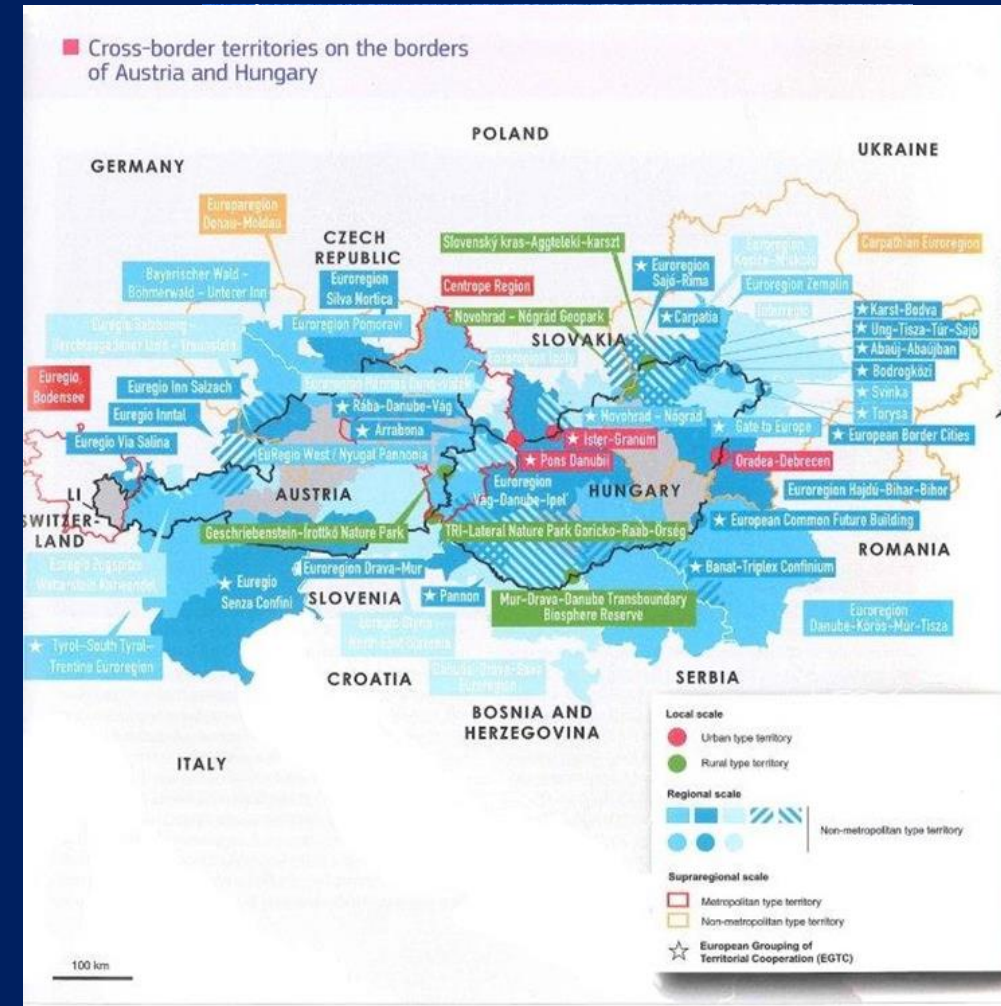
The Future?

- ‘...**Copernican revolution** of the very notion of **sovereignty**, its detachment from its exclusive anchorage in the mosaic of territories which the states form...’ (Balligand, Maquart 1990, 186)
- **New Hanseatic League** ‘... born from the weakening of the institutional power of the member states of the EEC and its incapacity ... to develop a supranational political power... (ibid. 212)
- ‘**More ‘Europe’s** and **not more Europe**, meaning a single integrated continent” (Zielonka 2014, 48)
- **The Poverty of Territorialism: Neo-medieval Europe** (Faludi 2018)



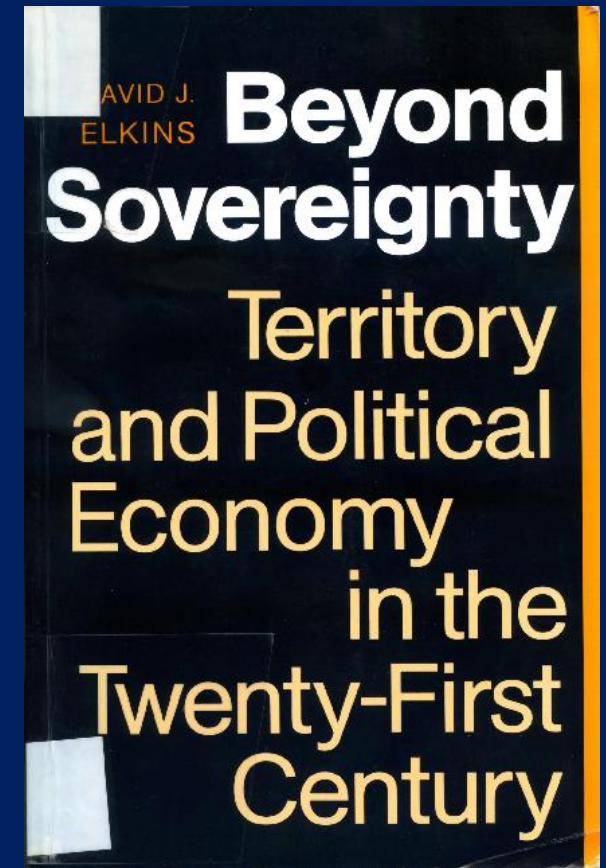
Conclusions: Territorialism

- EU up against ‘...stakeholders in many countries ... calling for reinforced controls on national borders’ (Reitel, Wassenberg, Peyrony 2018, 17)
- In borderlands the EU shows ‘...willingness ... to develop a framework ... where borders as lines of separation are challenged’ (ibid, 8)
- Like MOT in France, CESC – on front line
- More acceptance of **overlapping** territories and identities?
- I bet on neo-medievalism → territoriality less dominant



Conclusions: Sovereignty

- If there is one message more than any which I hope this book will demonstrate ... it is that the time has come to question the common assumption that 'nation,' 'state,' and 'political authority' necessarily involve territoriality. That was a good working assumption for two or three centuries, but it serves us ill as we enter the twenty-first century. (Elkins 1995, 267)



Thank you very much
Nagyon szépen köszönöm

My Border Crossings

- Én születtem Budapesten, Andrássy út 37
- Hagytam, hogy amikor én hat: A Széchenyi Lánchíd
- Nőttem fel Ausztriában
- Ma vagyok egy holland állampolgár
- Sajnos én nem beszélek magyarul
- Most angolul beszélek

