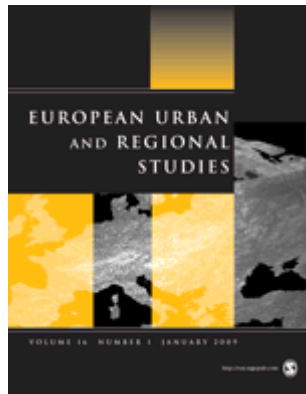


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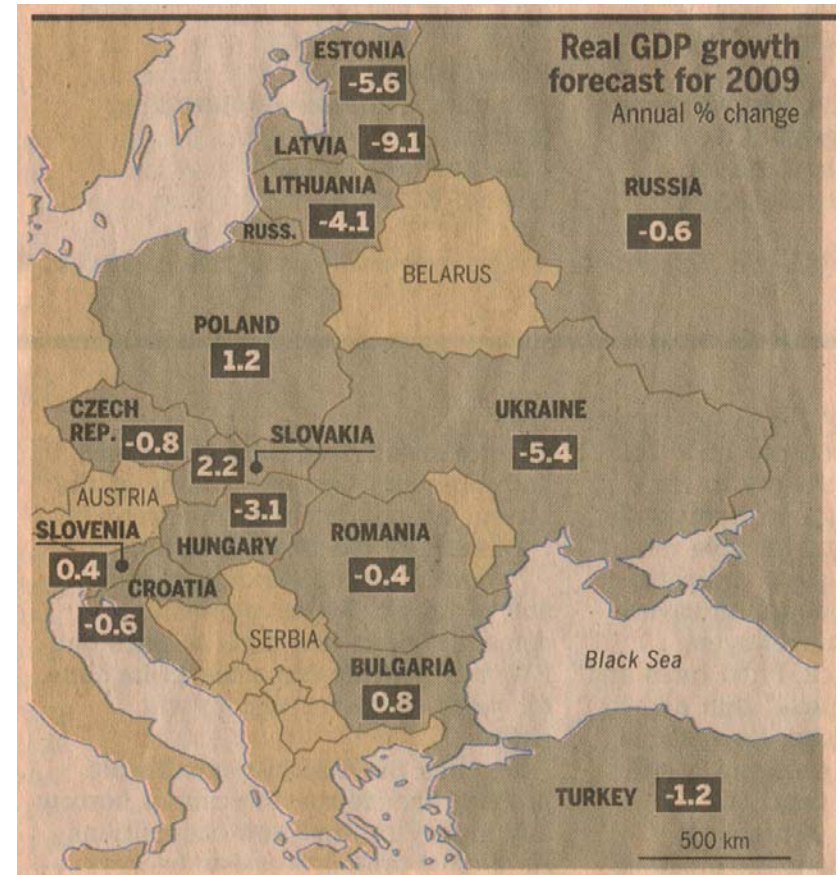
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Themes and Issues

- **Developments in thinking the spaces of post-socialism 20 years on**
 - reflecting on how we conceive of post-socialism after 20 years and
 - consequences for how we approach European urban and regional studies

- **Economic geographies and urban and regional transformations of post-socialism after 20 years**

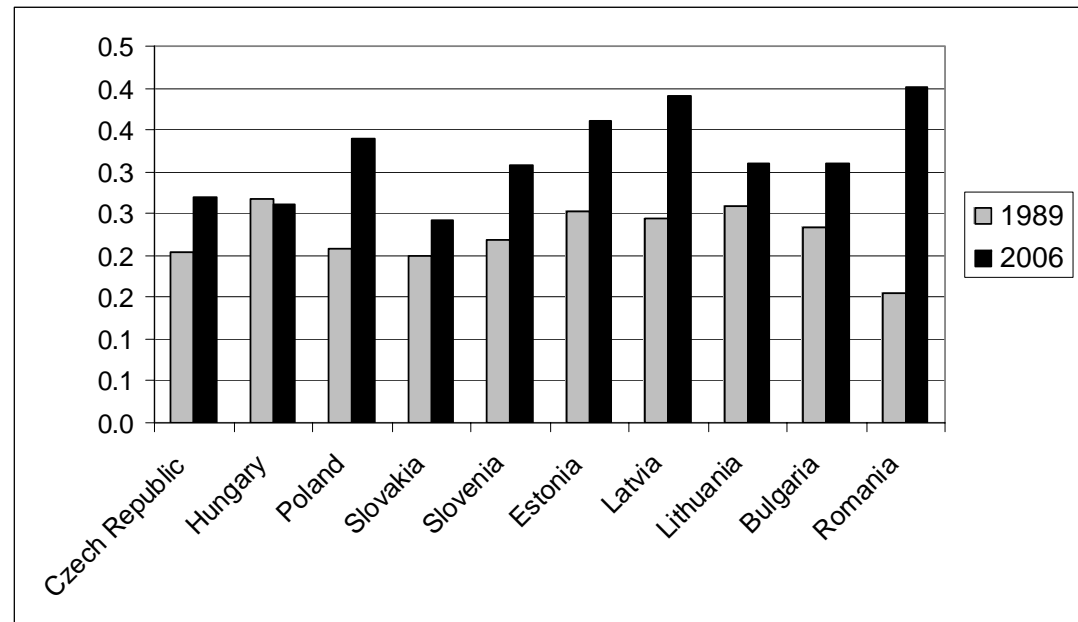
- uneven geographical development and the dynamics of internationalisation
- new forms of regional integration: insiders and outsiders



- **Extent of convergence/divergence in urban and regional systems/organisation after 20 years**
 - through comparative post-socialist perspectives?
 - moving towards convergence of experience after 20 years of post-socialist 'normalisation' or continuing diversity of post-socialisms?
 - diversity of urban and regional dynamics

- **Social transformations attendant upon post-socialism after 20 years**

- social polarisation, segregation, changing identities and the everyday experiences on post-socialism



Gini co-efficient, 1989 and 2006

- **What kind of discourses and networks are needed to continue to frame an engaged set of discussions across ‘the new Europe’ about the urban and regional spaces of post-socialism 20 years on?**

