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După comunism și înainte de post-modernism / After Communism and before Post-modernism

Abstract:

Researching East-European particularities is double-challenging. On the one hand they are governed by trans-national trends (e.g. European developments) and on the other by local transformations (e.g. the communist decline). From the European perspective we (as Romanians' EU global inhabitants!) are after „the before condition” (i.e. before the flows of goods, information, finance etc., when the socio-cultural experience of a particular place has ruled our Being, shaped our worldviews and defined our existence, one which was spent within distinct boundaries). From the local point of view we (as inhabitants within one of the multiple locations of the communist borders!) are before „the after condition” (i.e. where markets are global, state boundaries porous, people are on the move, and the uniqueness and embeddedness of the place tend to collapse). My paper will explore this peculiar post-communist milieu from a theoretical angle, emphasizing some of the changes in the shape of spatiality and sociability.