

The three archetype European development models and their impacts in East-Central Europe

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ECE in the crossroad of three historic development models



Legacy of the Roman empire: (V-XIV. centuries)

Two empires (East-West)

West:

- destruction of the imperial structures,
- dissolution, decentralized power centers,
- autonomous urban development,
- Rom. Cath. church is single integrated organization, preserves Roman social and political heritage

East (Byzantine Empire):

- preservation of Roman imperial institutions,
- merger of political and sacral dominance,
- centralized political and economic power,
- distinguished role of the state and the head of state (mundane governor of god)

XV-XVII centuries: The split of the Eastern model, new economic drivers

Ottoman advance in the Balkans (1453 fall of Constantinople): emergence of the ottoman model of the East, shift of the mainstream Byzantine heritage to Russia.

Discovery of the Americas: solution for the demographic and economic crisis situation. Overseas colonialization in the West, conquest of territories of south and east by Russia, Ottoman advance in ECE (Poland, Hungary)

The three models' lasting features and ECE

	Atlantic	Russian	Ottoman-Balkan	ECE
Land ownership	private ownership	state ownership	emperor/landlords	landlords
Urban development	dense, self-governing	administrative centers	administrative centers	self-governing, weak
Degree of centralization	decentralized state-permeated	highly centralized	administratively regulated	administratively regulated state-permeated
Ethnic homogeneity	relatively homogenous	heterogeneous loyal	heterogeneous illoyal	heterogeneous hostile
Independence	independent	independent	economically dependent	economically and politically dependent

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Two models (competition-state Atlantic model and rent seeking East-European and Balkans model). See also Auty's rent cycling theory!

ECE is inbetween and shuttling

Drivers:

Atlantic model: increase incentives to get bigger pie, alliances in decentralized political and economic power with competition

Balkan model: create and redistribute wealth through sources of rent, political monopoly and state-led economy with rent cycling

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Rent-based economies are less efficient: political and economic dependence (Germany, Soviet-Union, European Union), also external financial support.

Political sustainability is supported by continuous hate rethoric and populism – existing and inflated social and national tensions.

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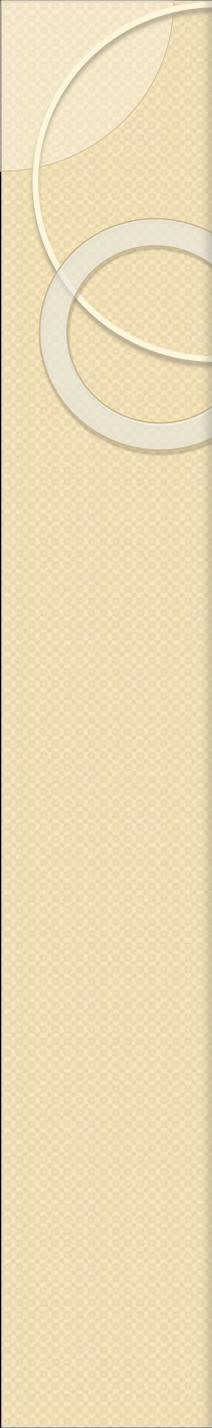


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