ABSTRACT

Settlements Morphology within the suburban zone of Prague

This bachelor’s thesis works on the topic of settlements morphology and structure of suburban landscape. The main aim of this paper is to measure and explain the changes in morphology of settlements in suburban zone of Prague after 1990. The paper shows that the morphology of post-socialist city hinterland is very specific and for this reason we specify the concept of urban sprawl into a form valid for post-socialist city. This concept is operationalized into three dimensions: settlement density, settlement structure and land-use pattern. The main benefit of this paper is the measure of urban sprawl itself and the surveillance of its evolution between 2007 and 2016. This paper shows that the evolution of urban sprawl is paradoxical in some ways and so it doesn’t correspond to the general discourse about effects of suburbanisation. We explore urban sprawl on the level of urban region and two municipalities (Modletice, Ohrobec) where we focus on the particular effects and development participants.

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