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Urban policies for a globalizing periphery: Insights from Eastern Russia

Abstract

The question of the attractiveness of cities and the quality of urban environment has turned into a central policy question, internationally, and within only a few years. This is also affecting an increasing number of secondary cities. This study is investigating how this is taking place in such secondary cities. For that, extreme cases in the periphery of the global periphery are selected. The theoretical focus of the thesis is on developing a framework based on previous research on urban studies, including the post-socialist urban studies strand. The specificities of this field are closely knit with the notion of a city in *transition*. I argue that to a large extent, by now this can be described as a city which is *globalizing*. This is further framed by the *elsewhere* delimitation, which is used to describe the territories of Eastern Russia. The juxtaposition of the concepts of *globalizing* and *elsewhere* provides a framework to discuss processes of policy transfer and adaptation.

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