

EDITORIAL

GLASpaper 09 On the Edge was conceived in May 2004 when ten new member states joined the European Union...

Political, cultural and historic mechanisms shape our built environment and everyday lives...

GLAS devoted four specific tasks to explore each city and gain impressions within a short time frame...

GLAS uses the tasks to observe, follow, encounter and record each city; its urban structures, infrastructures, social relations and rituals...

The outcome of the Photo Reporter task has been compiled into a large fold-out poster to form a Paloraid matrix of places and activities...

Information gathered during the remaining tasks (Treasure Hunt, Get on the Bus, Passport Control) has been presented as a series of critical writings and graphics to encompass pertinent issues affecting the countries visited.

On the Edge presents shifting European boundaries in their wider historical context. The new eastern 'European Edge' has been reviewed from Moscow...

The erosion of existing public services and the decline in locally controlled commerce are an inevitable progression.

GLAS believes this to be a step in the wrong direction.

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TRAVEL TASKS

PHOTO REPORTER

The purpose of Photo Reporter is to build a concise visual journey through the everyday. The equipment required is a Paloraid camera, maps and labels...

TREASURE HUNT

The purpose of Treasure Hunt is to discover and establish spaces and places known by locals. A key factory or office should be visited within each city...

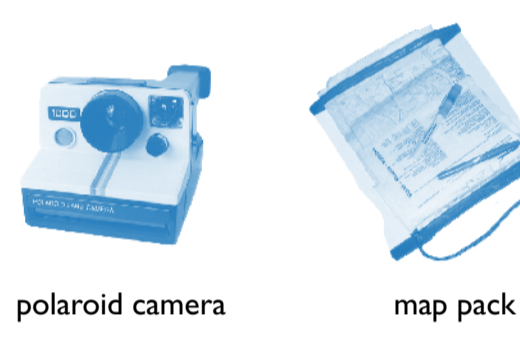
GET ON THE BUS

Get on the Bus requires that a bus, tram, train, bike or boat be taken to the end of the line of a non-routinized related route...

PASSPORT CONTROL

The purpose of Border control is to investigate and record facts about fellow travellers. The equipment required is a set of flyers, a camera and an adjustable date stamp...

TRAVEL KIT



THE JOURNEY

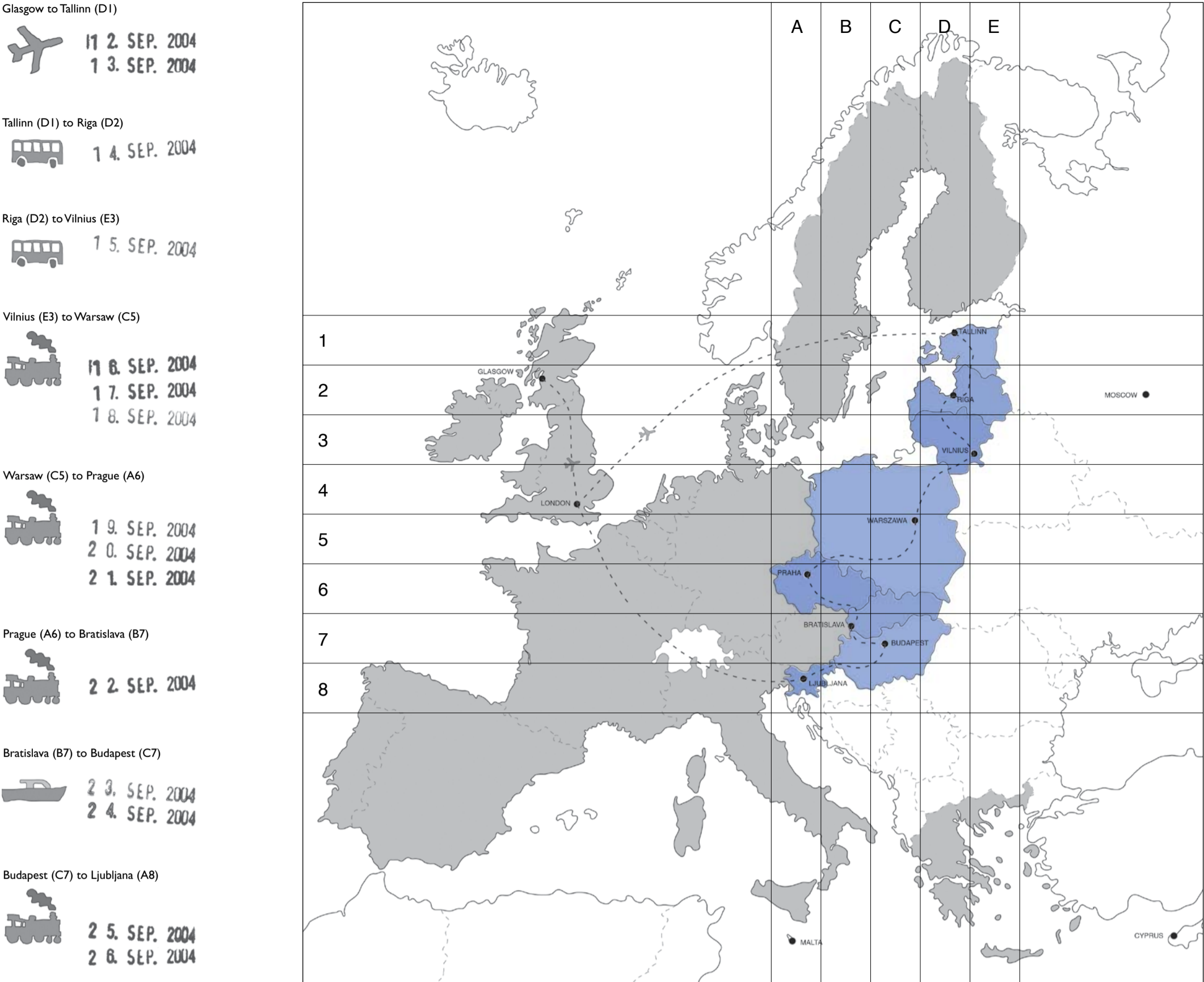


Table with 4 columns: Country/City, Geographic coordinates, Area, Land/water area, Land boundaries, Coastline, Population, Population density, Labour force by occupation, Unemployment rate, and Tourism.

'The nation is ... scarcely more than a fiction projected by the bourgeoisie onto its own historical conditions and origins ... as a way of masking class contradictions and seducing the working class into a illusory national solidarity'

Henri Lefebvre - The Production of Space, 1974

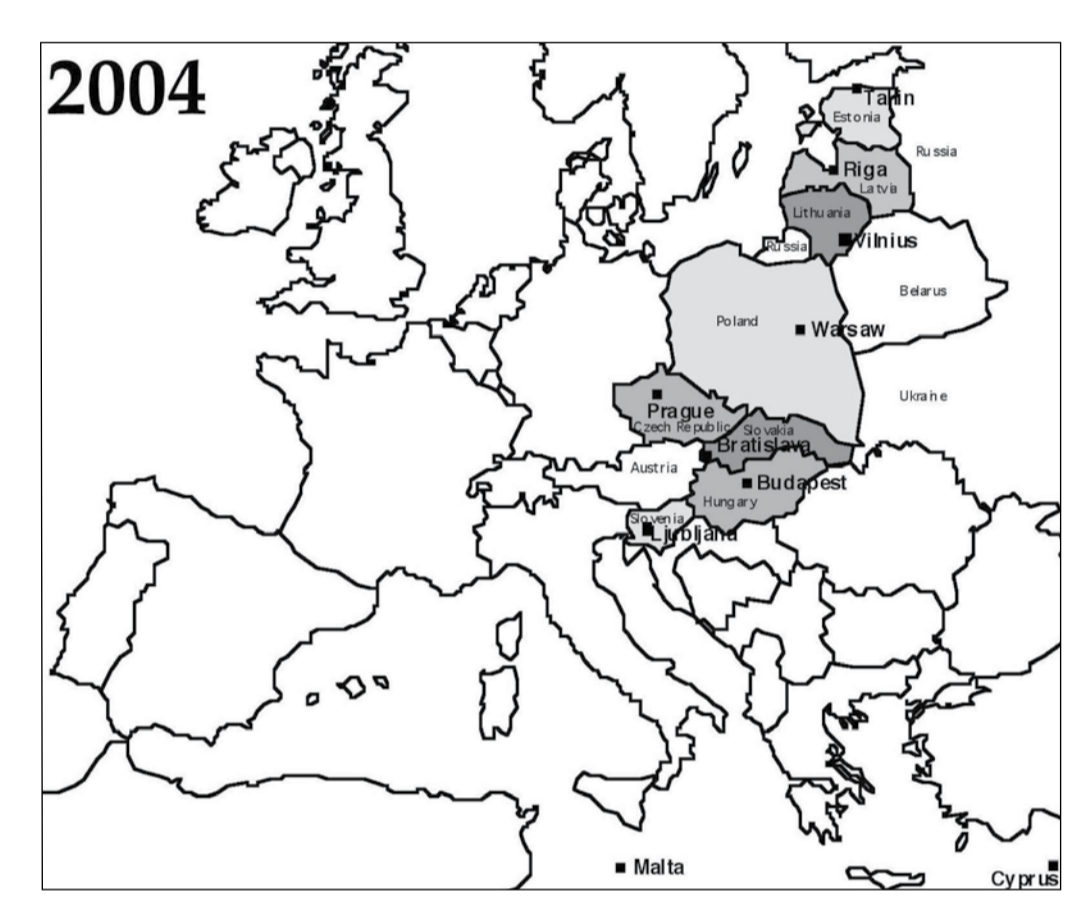
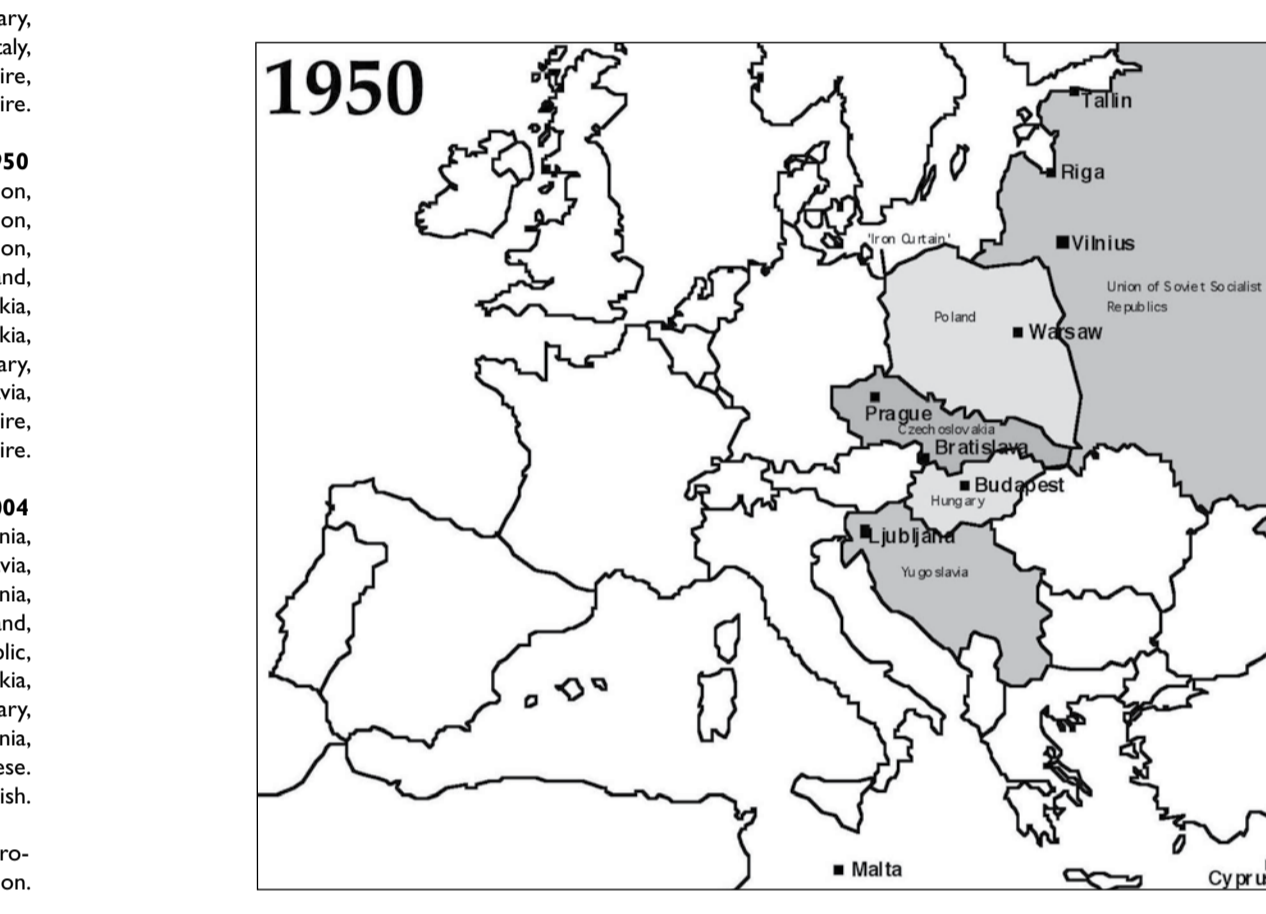
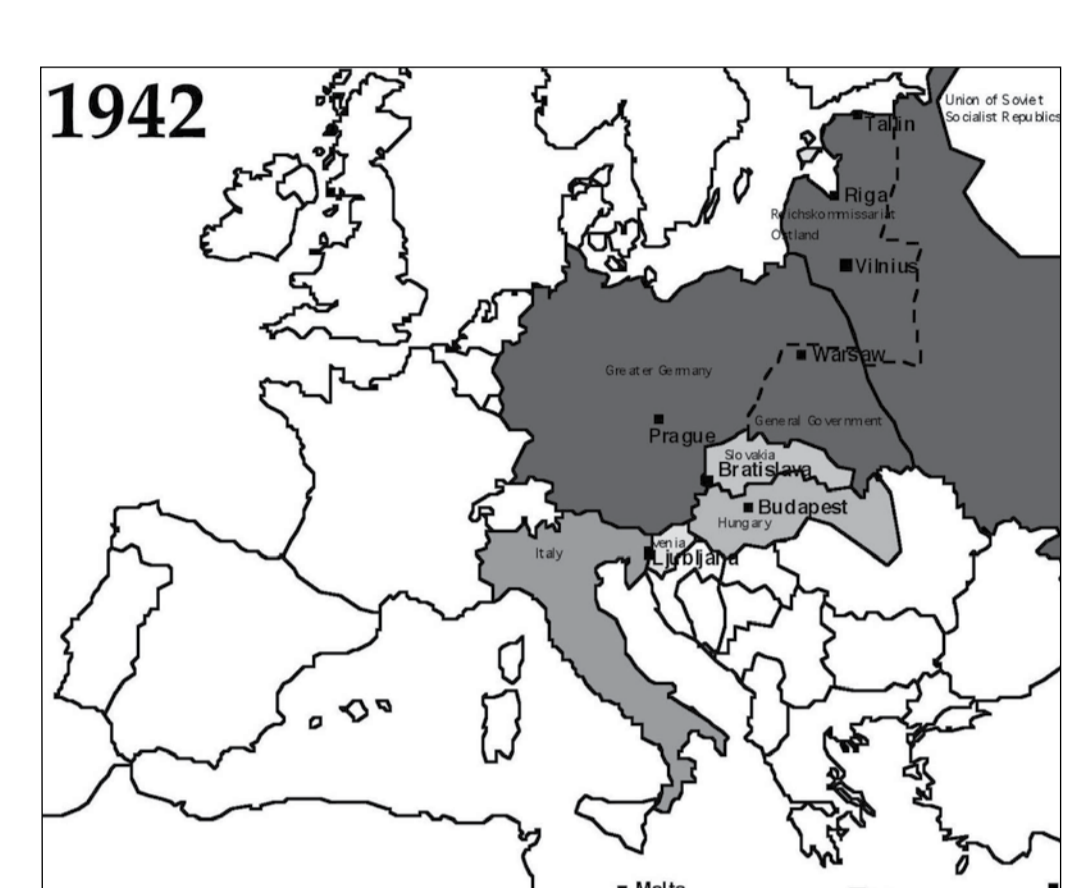
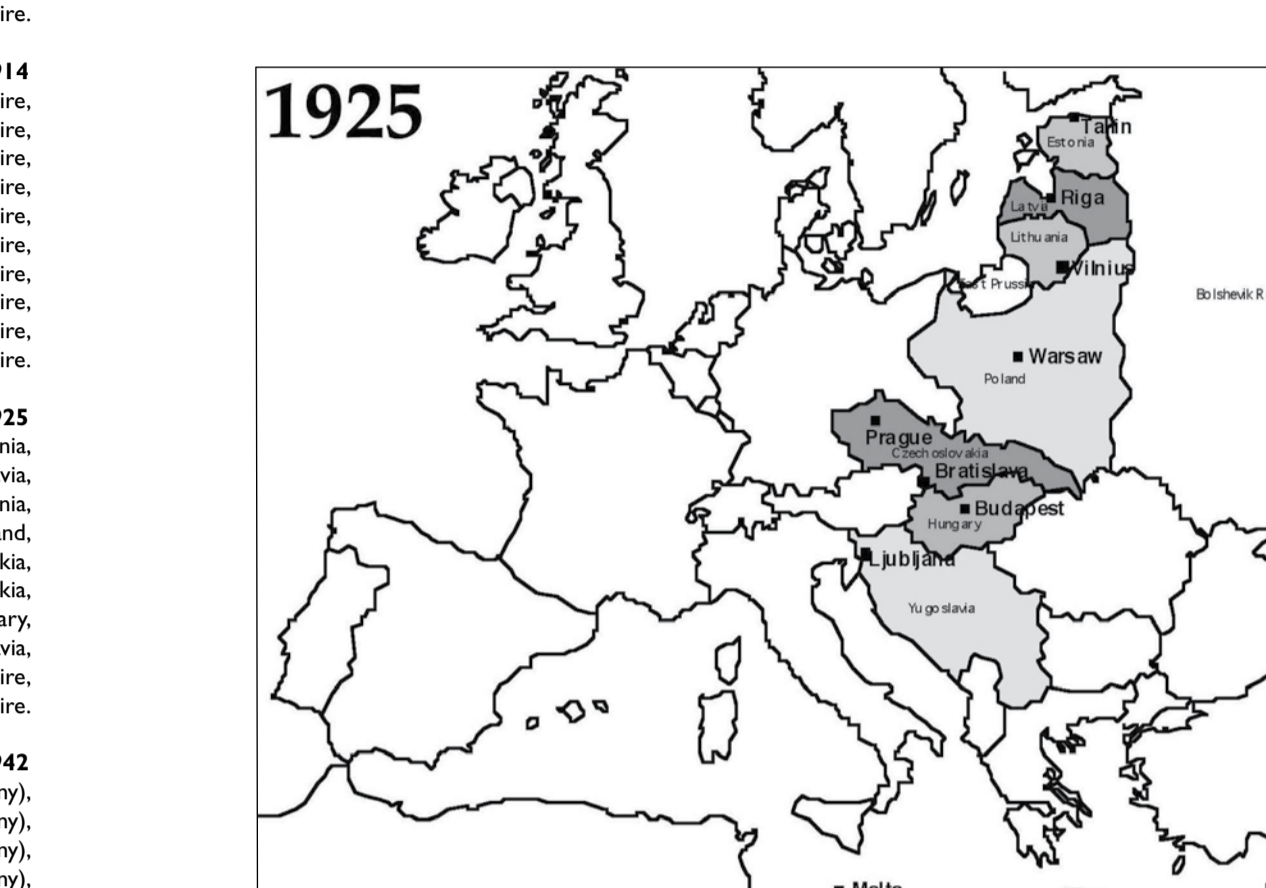
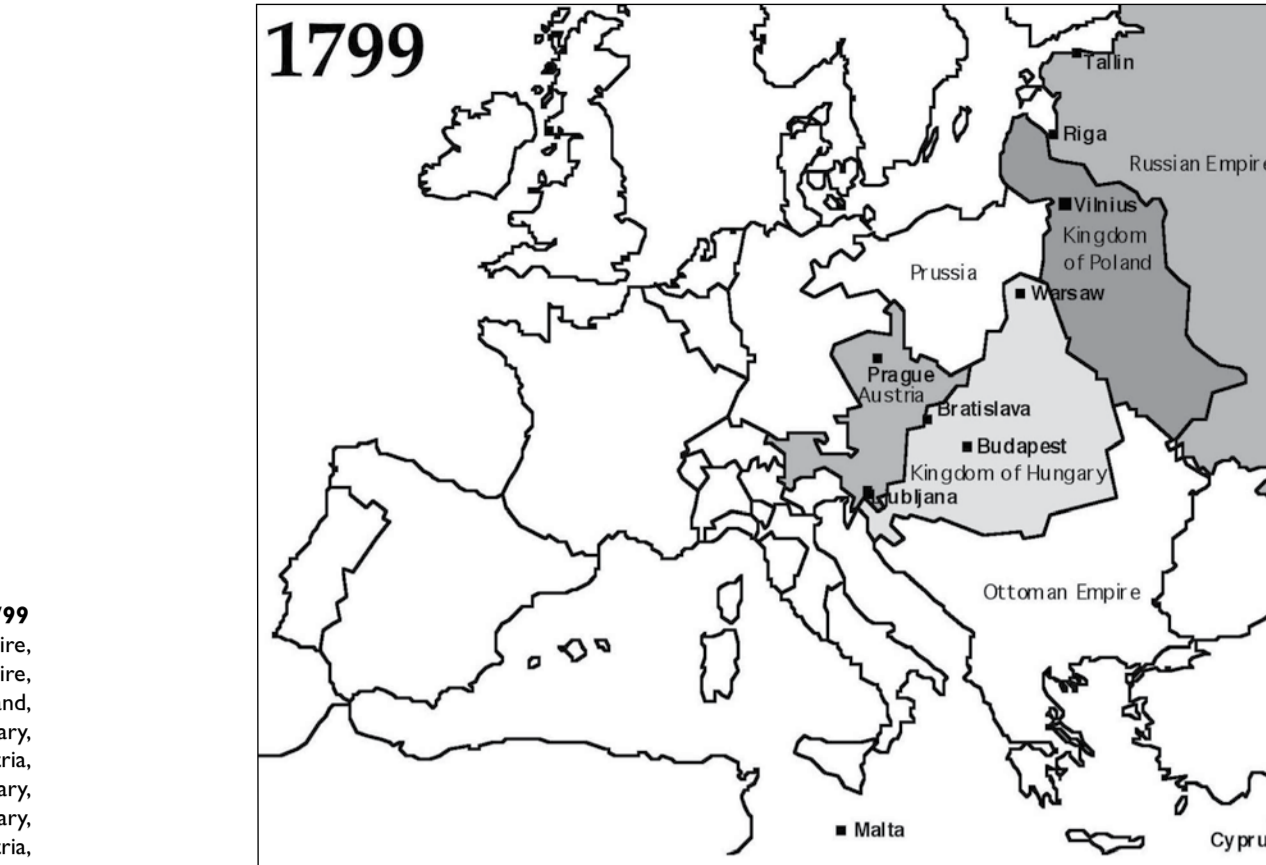
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It also inevitably requires omission. This historic Prague is described as a Czech city rather than what it was a city of the Austro-Hungarian empire whose culture underwent a slow but steady erosion...

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But curiously it is the quaint and picturesque old town centres which, while ostensibly celebrating the indigenous and local, most rigorously pursue the internationalist agenda...

In countries whose existence is owed to the breakup of a colonial power the identity of their former rulers – most explicitly states and monuments – is most systematically removed or suppressed...



ON HERITAGE

The accession of eight Middle- and Eastern European states in May 2004 drew their respective national capitals to our 'western' attention...

Yet it is significant that those areas, which are designated as protected world heritage sites, make up only a tiny proportion of the actual city surface...

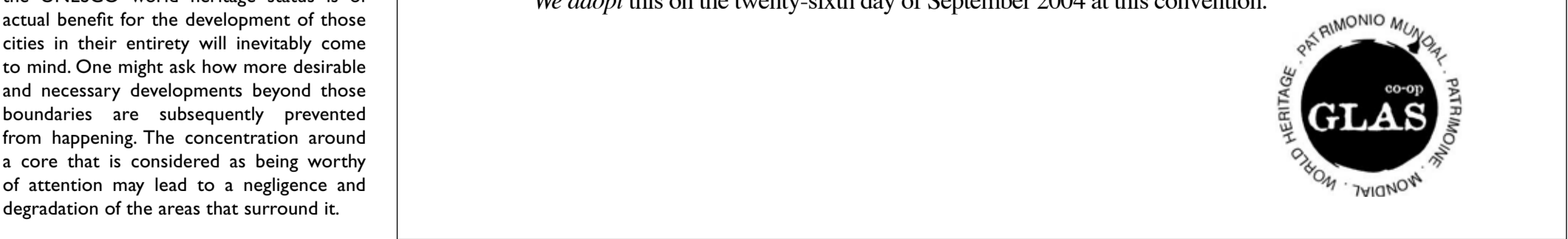
Nevertheless, for the visitor who is willing to look beyond these designated heritage zones, the question whether this protection through the UNESCO world heritage status is of actual benefit for the development of those cities in their entirety will inevitably come to mind...

We think that in view of the magnitude and gravity of the persistent dangers threatening them, it is incumbent on the global community as a whole to participate in the protection of the above socio-spatial heritage...

We consider that it is essential for this purpose to adopt new provisions in the form of a convention to establish an effective system of protection of the complexity and diversity of our socio-spatial heritage...

We have decided at our sixteenth session, that this question should be made the subject of an international programme that rethinks the role of heritage and the values considered important in our respective urban histories.

We adopt this on the twenty-sixth day of September 2004 at this convention.



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CONVENTION CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF THE WORLD SOCIO-SPATIAL HERITAGE

GLASGOW LETTERS ON ARCHITECTURE AND SPACE meeting in Tallinn, Riga, Vilnius, Warsaw, Bratislava, Ljubljana, Moscow and Glasgow from the 12th September to the 26th September 2004, at its ninth session.

We note that our rich and diverse socio-spatial heritage is increasingly threatened with destruction that although a traditional feature of capitalist development is a process that globalisation and neoliberal economic policies has aggravated and greatly accelerated.

We consider that the deterioration and disappearance of the complex social and spatial heritage fought for in the history of various political and environmental struggles constitutes a harmful impoverishment of the social history of all peoples and classes.

We think that the protection of this heritage at the national level often remains incomplete because of the scale of international forces that are threatening it and of the insufficient economic, cultural and moral considerations of the country where the heritage to be protected is situated.

We consider that all international conventions, recommendations and resolutions concerning social and spatial achievements should demonstrate the importance of safeguarding these universal achievements for all the peoples of the world, regardless of their race, class or national identity.

We think that in view of the magnitude and gravity of the persistent dangers threatening them, it is incumbent on the global community as a whole to participate in the protection of the above socio-spatial heritage, at the very least by striving to regulate the activities of international capital and property developers.

We consider that it is essential for this purpose to adopt new provisions in the form of a convention to establish an effective system of protection of the complexity and diversity of our socio-spatial heritage, on a permanent basis and in accordance with contemporary means and methods.

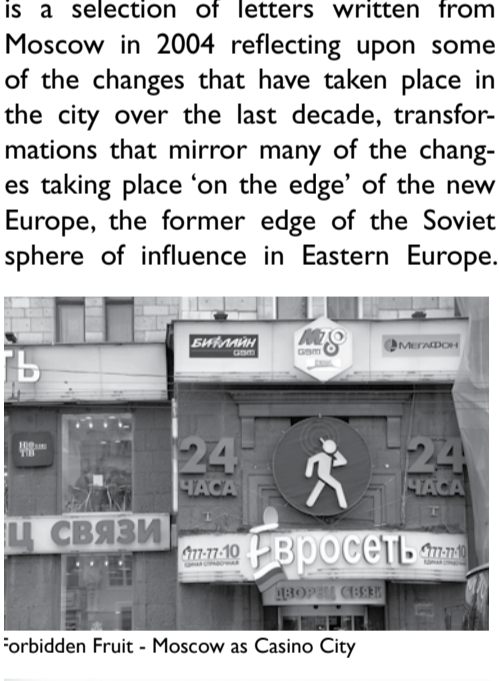
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POSTCARDS FROM AFAR



Lunchtime - Day one - What 80 is an unexpected high pressure shirt these days is conspicuous as the time of year but the weather here in Russia is well -lager for familiar tastes...

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Terms and conditions apply. Any Western Bank considered. Value For Money: huge profits on investment guaranteed. Offer includes Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Slovenia, Malta and Cyprus. Other countries will follow soon!

| market/ local produce | unique city feature | means of transport/ motorway | queuing for buses | private housing | football | play areas | public space | public housing | spaces of labour | sportsclub/ swimming pool | kiosk | cultural centre/ school/ hospital | fortress europe | panoramic view | allotment | main tourist attraction |
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|  Market near Tallinn station Tallinn, 13/9/14 |  Mushrooms on offer at market Tallinn, 13/9/14 |  Trains at Tallinn station Tallinn, 13/9/14 |  Children waiting for train on Kepli (shoel) Tallinn, 13/9/14 |  Timber housing off Kepli Tallinn, 13/9/14 |  Jensing & football pitch, Pelguranna Tallinn, 13/9/14 |  Children's playground, Pelguranna Tallinn, 13/9/14 |  Changing cabins, Pelguranna Tallinn, 13/9/14 |  Hanging off Öismae tree, Väike-Olmek Tallinn, 13/9/14 |  Fishes in Tallinn Harbour Tallinn, 14/9/14 |  Sports club & bar on Ühelnäe tee Tallinn, 13/9/14 |  Kiosk on A.B. Tammsaar Pcc, Puhkumaa Tallinn, 13/9/14 |  Cultural centre Kullo/Mooni Tallinn, 13/9/14 |  New game housing, Mäe-Rästa Tallinn, 13/9/14 |  Panoramic view of Tallinn's Old Town Tallinn, 14/9/14 |  Tallinn allotment Tallinn, 13/9/14 |  American Empire ship Tower & Gop, Tallinn Old Town Tallinn, 14/9/14 |
|  Market in Riga station Riga, 15/9/2004 |  Leaves on city bridge Riga, 15/9/2004 |  Inner city highway Riga, 15/9/2004 |  Big stop Riga, 15/9/2004 |  Green dog welcoming committee Riga, 15/9/2004 |  Latvian national team, Market Mall Riga, 15/9/2004 |  Inflatable children's playground Riga, 15/9/2004 |  Outdoor chess arena Riga, 15/9/2004 |  Parks housing Riga, 15/9/2004 |  Weather in balcony Riga, 15/9/2004 |  Football pitch in housing estate Riga, 15/9/2004 |  Kiosk at bus interchange Riga, 15/9/2004 |  General hospital Riga, 15/9/2004 |  20th century histories of occupation Riga, 15/9/2004 |  Ria from the river Riga, 15/9/2004 |  Black placements Riga, 15/9/2004 |  Riga's bridge of history Riga, 15/9/2004 |
|  Improvised farmers market Vilnius, 16/9/04 |  Communal mail box Vilnius, 16/9/04 |  Inner city ring road, Vilnius, 16/9/04 |  Bus stop, kiosk, bench Vilnius, 16/9/04 |  Luxury riverfront apartments Vilnius, 16/9/04 |  Football fields being redeveloped Vilnius, 16/9/04 |  Lemon festival, riverfront Vilnius, 16/9/04 |  Nationalistic political rally, main square Vilnius, 16/9/04 |  Social housing, informal courtyards Vilnius, 16/9/04 |  Construction labour, keeping the boom alive Vilnius, 16/9/04 |  Olympic diving centre, Moscow, 1980 Vilnius, 16/9/04 |  Kiosk Vilnius, 16/9/04 |  School playground Vilnius, 16/9/04 |  The Wall of Miami Vilnius, 16/9/04 |  The walled town - historical 'truth' Vilnius, 16/9/04 |  Courtyard Vilnius, 16/9/04 |  Riverside green space Vilnius, 16/09/04 |
|  Favrent Market Warsaw, 18/09/04 |  Public thoroughfare, railway lines Warsaw, 18/09/04 |  Planned City Boulevard Warsaw, 18/09/04 |  Bus stop Warsaw, 18/09/04 |  Mediterranean luxury villas Warsaw, 18/09/04 |  Spot the Ball Warsaw, 18/09/04 |  Sports park Warsaw, 18/09/04 |  Screen spaces between housing blocks Warsaw, 18/09/04 |  Refurbished and unrefurbished blocks Warsaw, 18/09/04 |  Power substation Warsaw, 18/09/04 |  Basketball court, city centre Warsaw, 18/09/04 |  Kiosk Warsaw, 18/09/04 |  Student posters in cafe at University Warsaw, 18/09/04 |  Abandoned military fort Warsaw, 18/09/04 |  View from the ring road Warsaw, 18/09/04 |  Allotment gardens Warsaw, 18/09/04 |  Palace of Culture (Stalin style) Warsaw, 18/09/04 |
|  Non-functional shopping precinct Prague, 19/09/04 |  Decorated manholes Prague, 19/09/04 |  Motorway dividing local district Prague, 20/09/04 |  Commuter stop at new industrial district Prague, 20/09/04 |  Landscape courtyard and open balconies Prague, 19/09/04 |  Young boys at local training ground Prague, 20/09/04 |  Abundance of children's play areas Prague, 19/09/04 |  Run down streets outside of city centre Prague, 20/09/04 |  Partials among small open spaces Prague, 19/09/04 |  Newly built cell centres Prague, 20/09/04 |  Private members gym Prague, 19/09/04 |  Tourist kiosk for city buses Prague, 20/09/04 |  Murals from windows of Secondary School Prague, 19/09/04 |  Political posters (Communist leaning left) Prague, 20/09/04 |  View back to city Prague, 19/09/04 |  Allotments next to rail tracks Prague, 19/09/04 |  Musical clock Prague, 20/09/04 |
|  Vineyard in Vlachany Bratislava, 21/9/04 |  Used to be a restaurant sign Bratislava, 21/9/04 |  Tourist boats to Bratislava Bratislava, 21/9/04 |  Central bus stop near Zavisce Bratislava, 21/9/04 |  Dream in peach Bratislava, 21/9/04 |  Football stadium Bratislava, 21/9/04 |  Playground in Novic mesto Bratislava, 21/9/04 |  Passage under road bridge Bratislava, 21/9/04 |  Social housing, balconies Bratislava, 21/9/04 |  Co-operative Vlachany Bratislava, 21/9/04 |  Swimming pool 'Delphin', New Bratislava, 21/9/04 |  Fruit & flower stalls at tram stop Bratislava, 21/9/04 |  School with play materials, Novic mesto Bratislava, 21/9/04 |  Sign at Austrian border Bratislava, 21/9/04 |  Looking south over Danube Bratislava, 21/9/04 |  Allotment next to rail tracks Bratislava, 21/9/04 |  Castle Bratislava by Danube Bratislava, 21/9/04 |
|  Kiosk at Mészárosi út station, Budapest, 23/9/14 |  Elephant through gate at zoo, Budapest, 23/9/14 |  Underpass in residential district, Budapest, 23/9/14 |  Sofa on city street, Budapest, 23/9/14 |  New Spain European Street Apartment, Budapest, 23/9/14 |  Home team training ground, Budapest, 23/9/14 |  Playground in Millennium Park, Budapest, 23/9/14 |  Feding pigs in the city centre, Budapest, 23/9/14 |  Large advertisement on flatiron, Budapest, 23/9/14 |  Car factory, Budapest, 23/9/14 |  Run down baths next to new leisure pool, Budapest, 23/9/14 |  Petzi kiosk, Budapest, 23/9/14 |  Black flag on the Horthy bridge, Budapest, 23/9/14 |  Swedish Embassy, Budapest, 23/9/14 |  Looking south over River Duna, Budapest, 23/9/14 |  Olden Fox SACCS, Budapest, 23/9/14 |  Public baths by the cathedral, Budapest, 23/9/14 |
|  Old market where the market is still alive, Ljubljana, 25/09/04 |  The entrance of the central market, Ljubljana, 25/09/04 |  Ringroad / Motorway, Ljubljana, 25/09/04 |  In front of open blocks, Ljubljana, 25/09/04 |  Squares, Ljubljana, 25/09/04 |  Football pitch drawings to the public square, Ljubljana, 25/09/04 |  Hanging above, Ljubljana, 25/09/04 |  Group picture, Kavarni trg, Ljubljana, 25/09/04 |  Squares, Ljubljana, 25/09/04 |  New office development, Ljubljana, 25/09/04 |  Reddish swimming pool, Ljubljana, 25/09/04 |  Old house converted to public space, Ljubljana, 25/09/04 |  Public school, Ljubljana, 25/09/04 |  Gothic 'Black Empire' painted over, Ljubljana, 25/09/04 |  Ljubljana from the south, 25/09/04 |  Squares, Ljubljana, 25/09/04 |  Innovative urban square, Ljubljana, 25/09/04 |