

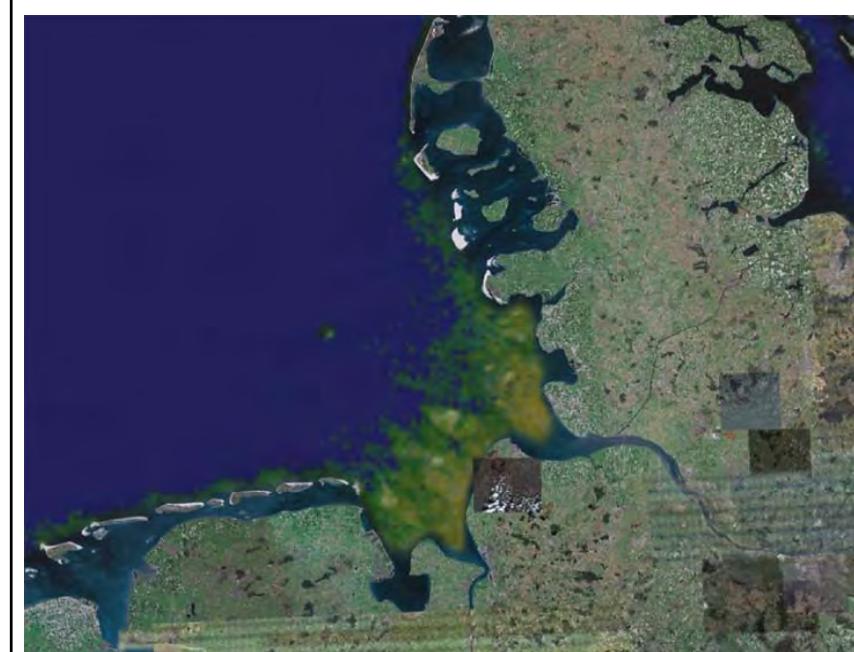
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## Hamburg in the context of the German Metropolitan System

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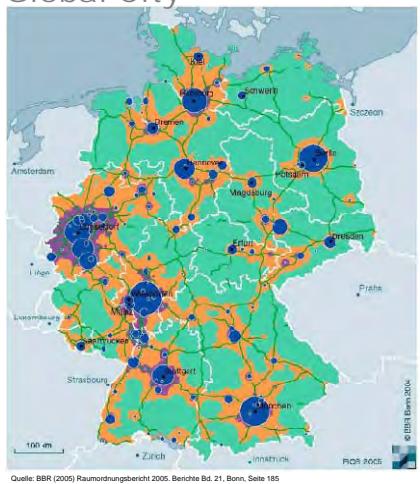
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Spatial distribution of metropolitan functions –  
Network of metropolitan regions in place of a  
Global City



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In Germany the polycentric urban system forms the historical basis for the development and profiling of metropolitan functions.

The metropolitan functions of diverse metropolises are interlinked in a spatial nexus.

Decline and crisis stories prevailed in the discourses on cities in Germany

For some decades, German cities had to face a cumulation of problems difficult to deal with:

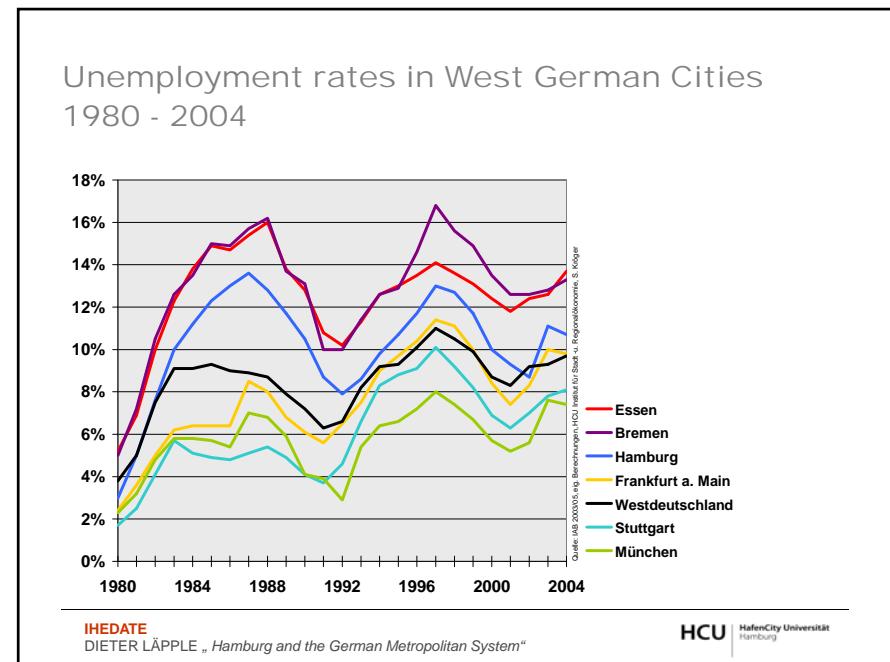
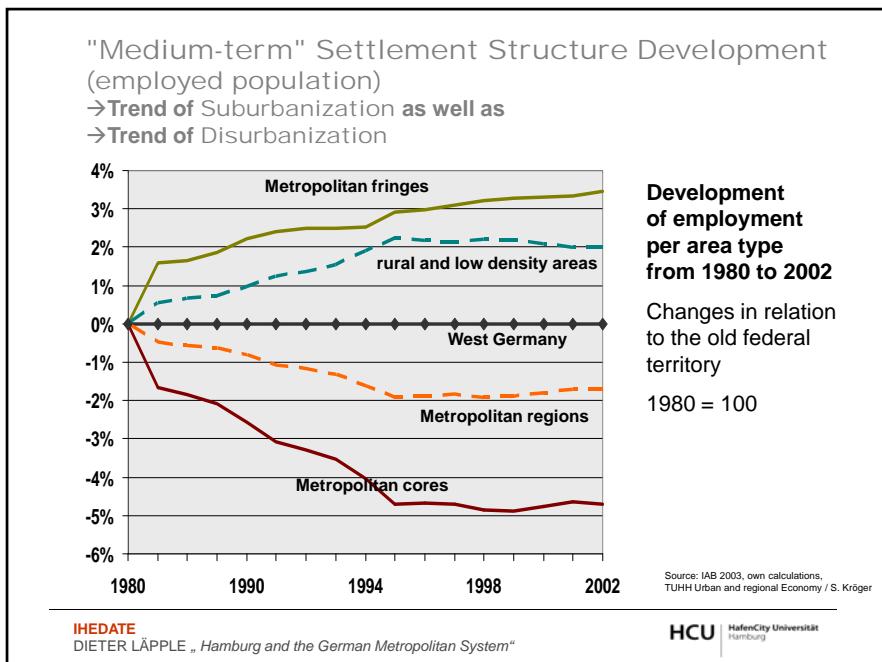
- outward migration of urban dwellers and job opportunities
- persistent mass unemployment
- erosion of their financial basis

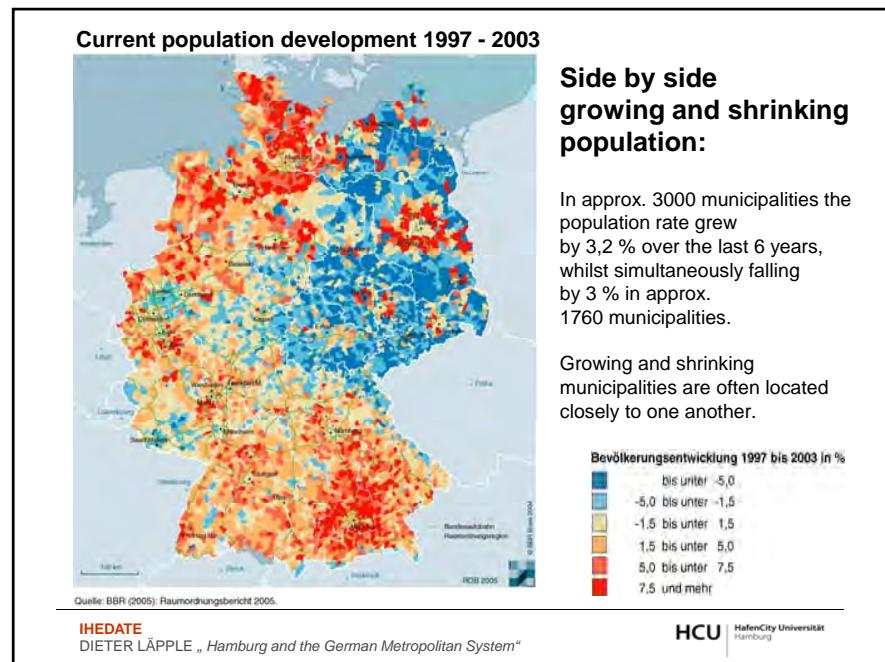
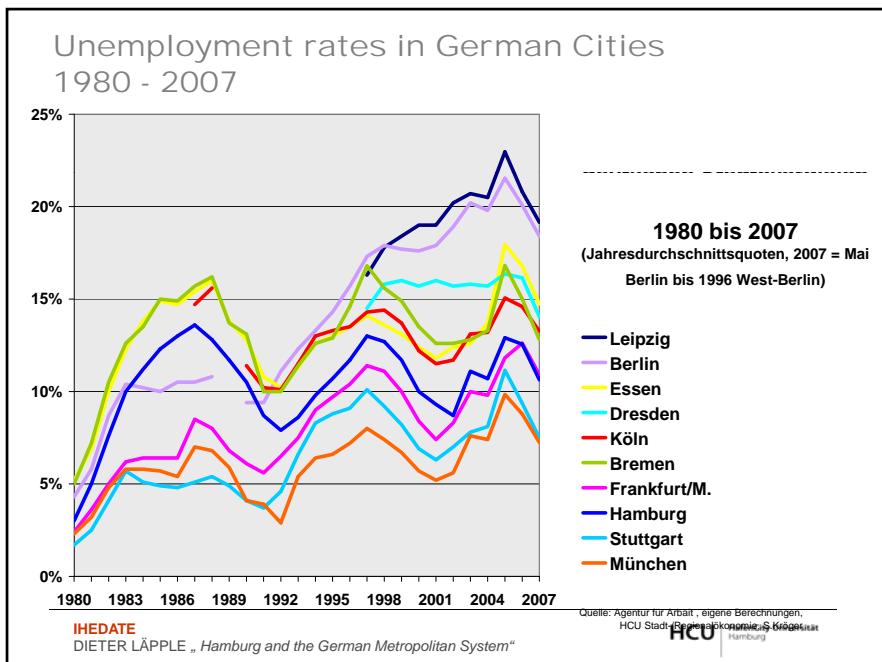
and after the German unification especially East German cities were faced with

- dramatic forms of urban shrinkage

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## „Shrinking Cities“



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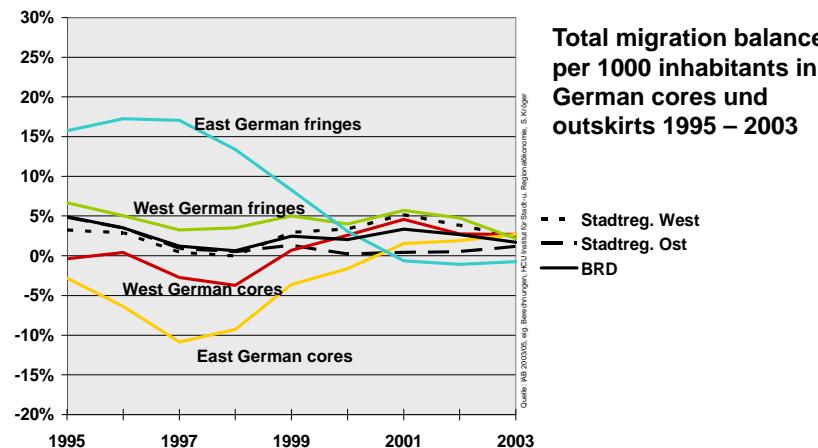
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„Central locality –  
deserted“

“Residents moved away,  
buildings and infrastructure  
remained.”

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## Tendencies toward a Reurbanisation – Population Development

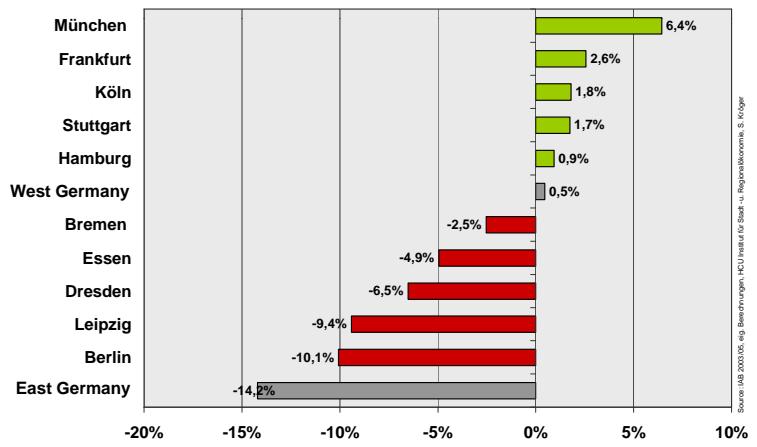


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## Reurbanization and polarization of the German urban system

**Changes in the employment figures in German cities 1997 – 2004**  
(West Germany without Hannover)



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## Network of German Metropolitan Regions

Polycentric distribution of metropolitan functions:

- Decision and control,
- Innovation and competition ,
- Gateway

„European Metropolitan Regions“ –  
following a resolution of the conference of the  
German ministers for spatial planning –  
in a first step:

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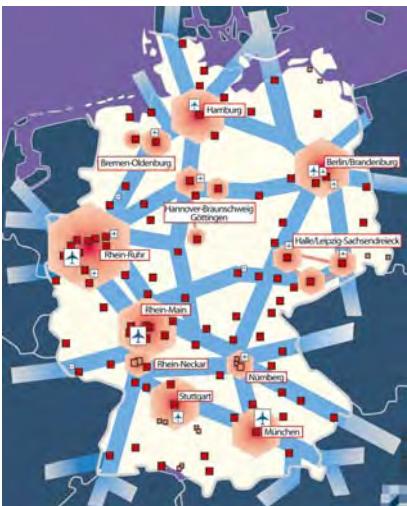


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„European Metropolitan Regions“ – following a resolution of the conference of the German ministers for spatial planning – in a first step:

**Berlin/ Brandenburg, Hamburg, Munich, Rhine-Main, Rhine-Ruhr and Stuttgart,**

as well as the potential metropolitan region, the so called **SachsenTriangle: Halle/ Leipzig, Dresden and Chemnitz**; this list was complemented by **Hannover-Braunschweig-Göttingen, Bremen-Oldenburg, Rhine-Neckar & Nuremberg.**

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„Export World champion“ Germany without a „global city“?

### Question:

How can we explain the contradiction between

> the **key position of Germany in the global economy** and

> the **,secondary importance‘ of the German cities in the global networks of cities?**

*Is the German network of metropolises only a special deficient case in the hierarchy of the global network of cities  
or*

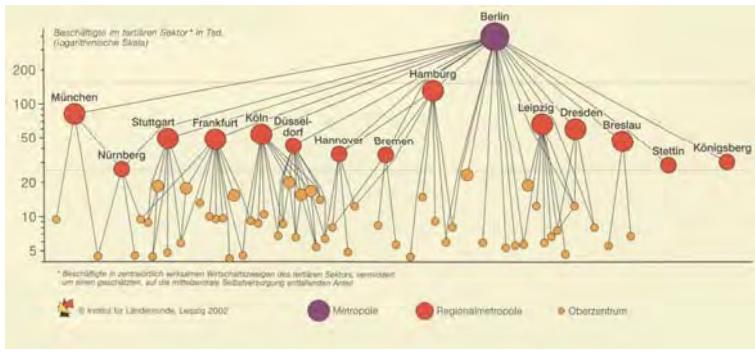
*is it likely that the „Rheinisch Capitalism“ has not only formed an alternative model of production, but also an alternative and effective model of urbanization?*

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## Hierarchy profile of the urban system 1939



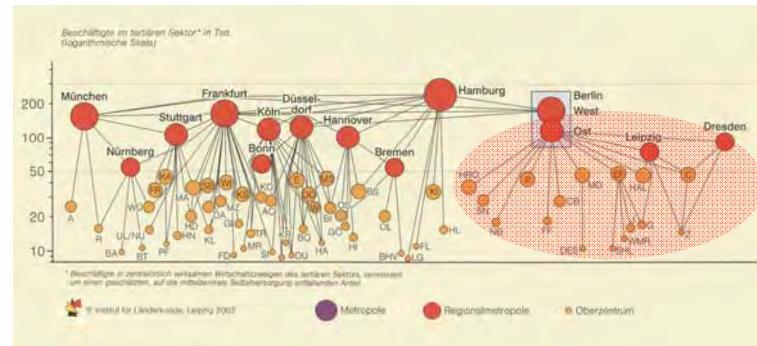
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## Hierarchy profile of the urban system 1970 Division of Germany in West (left) and East Germany (right)



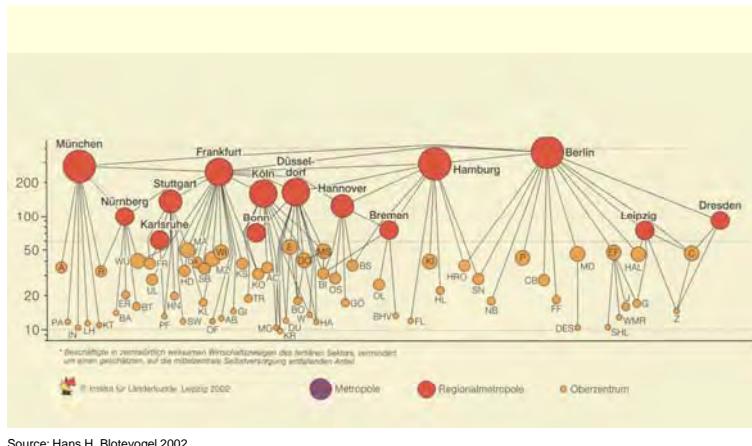
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Hierarchy profile of the urban system 1995  
after the German reunification

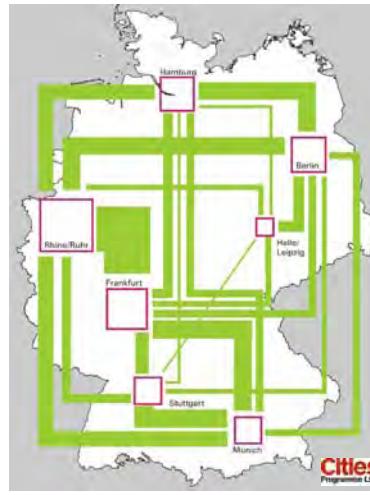


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German traffic flows business purpose  
by rail, car and plane



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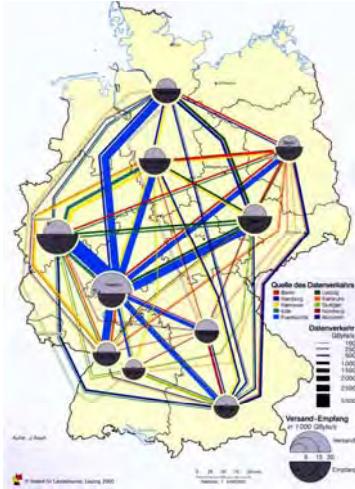
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**Strong spatial-functional  
interconnection between the  
Metropolitan Regions –  
The example of business  
trips**

Source: LSE, BWB, Verflechtungsmatrizen  
1997

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## Data traffic in the broad-band science network WiN (in GBytes/s)



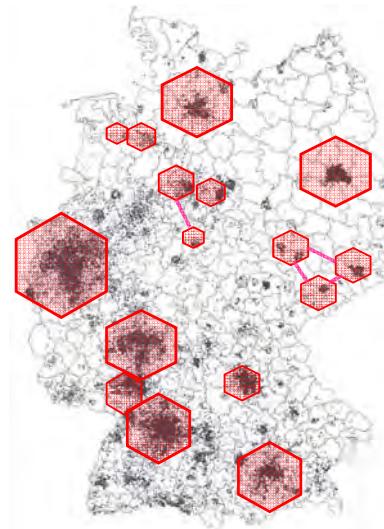
### Science broad-band network:

**Frankfurt** – intersection node for connections to the European science network and point of interchange with commercial German providers.

**Cologne** – intersection node for connections to the USA

Source: Rauh 2004

## Patent applications at the location of the inventor (1992 – 94)



Spatial distribution and concentration of the knowledge economy and their correspondence with the spatial configuration of the metropolitan system.

Quelle: Grüne/Siegfried, Patentgeographie in Rauh 2004, S. 144

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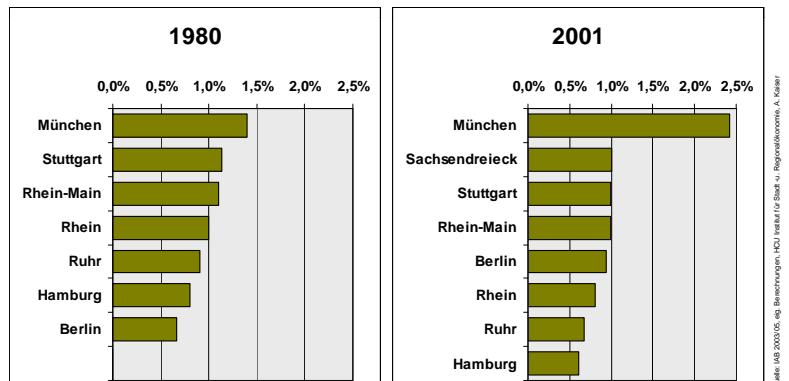
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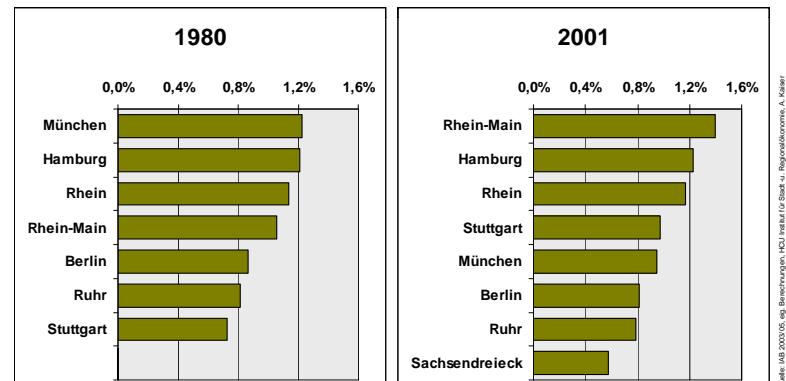
Ranking of location quotients among  
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Engineering & Architecture (WZ73: 800)



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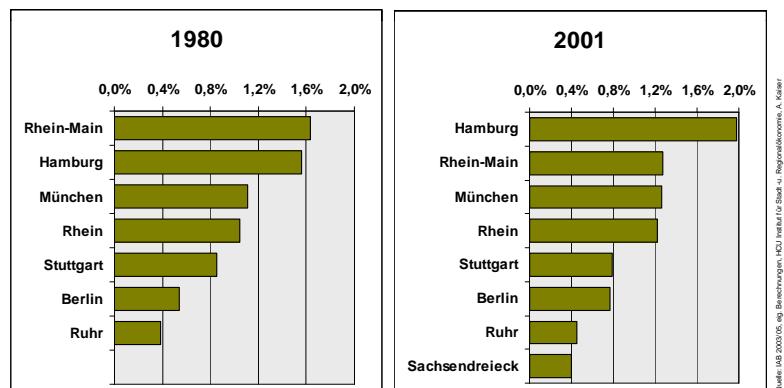
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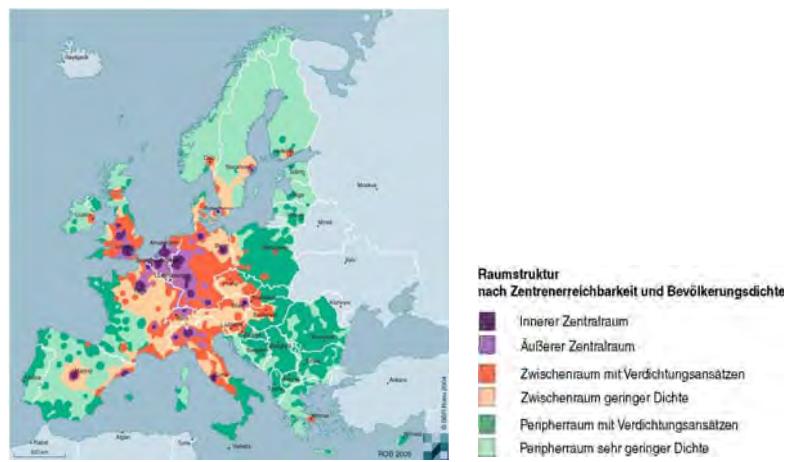


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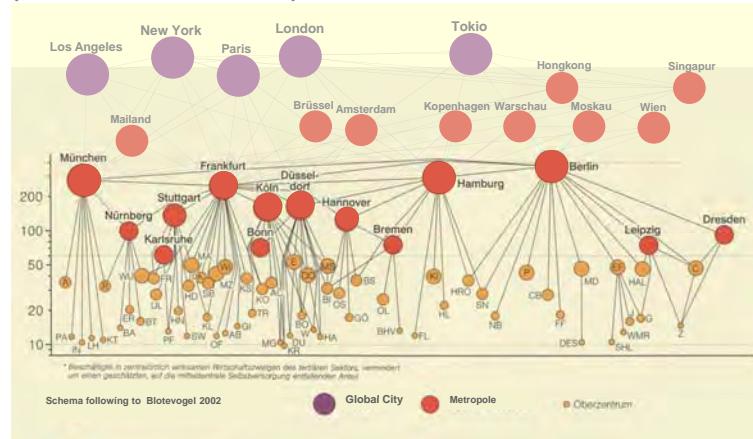
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German network of cities and metropolises –  
part of the European spatial network



**The German Metropolitan System:**  
Integrated into global, European, national und regional networks  
(„multi-tiered networks“)



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**Hamburg**  
**The Growing City**

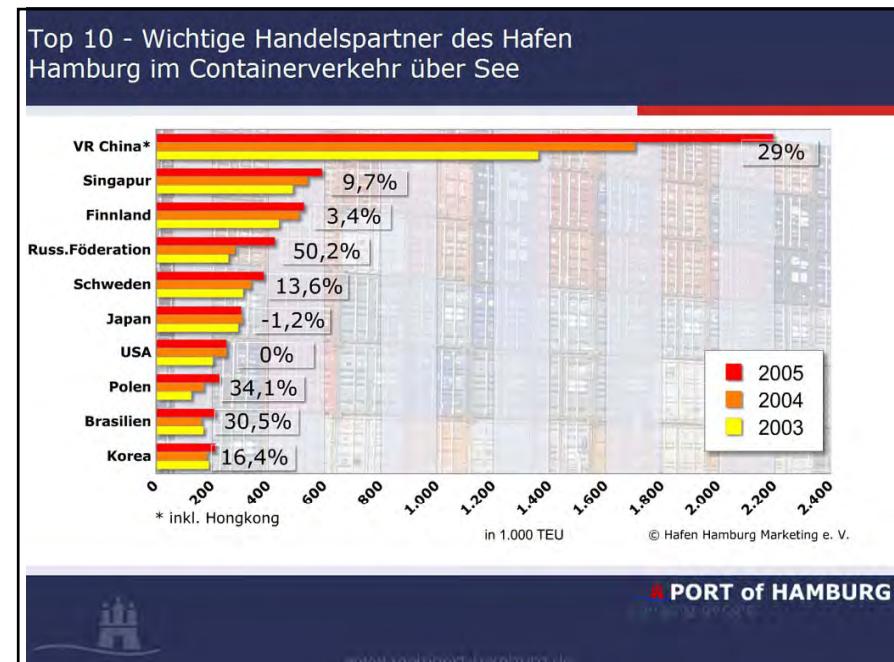
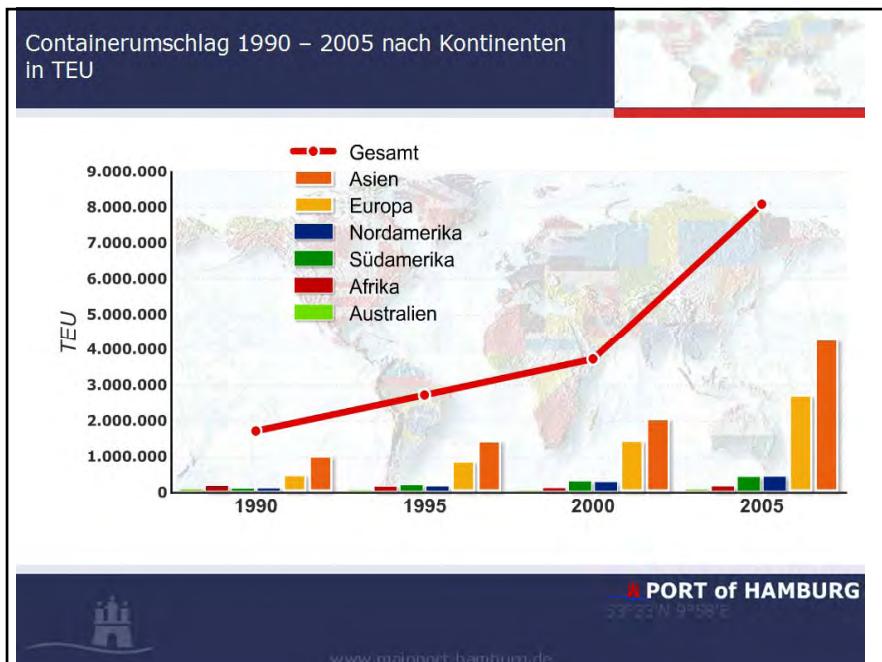


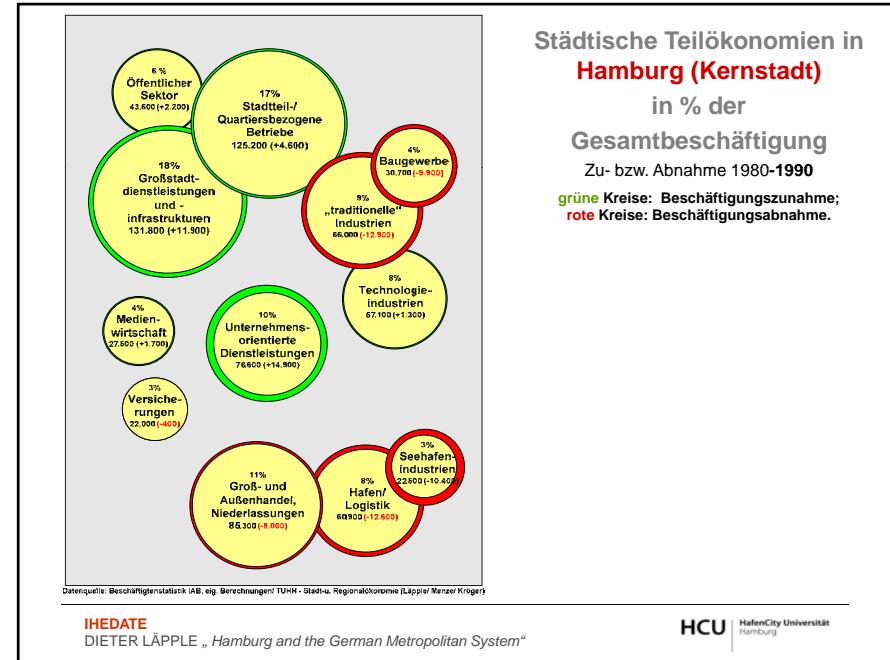
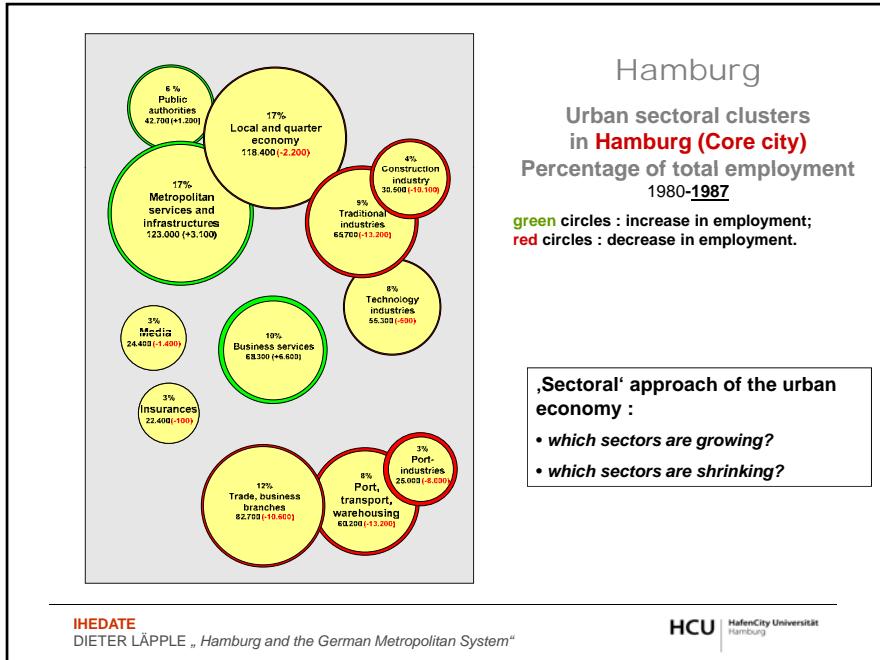
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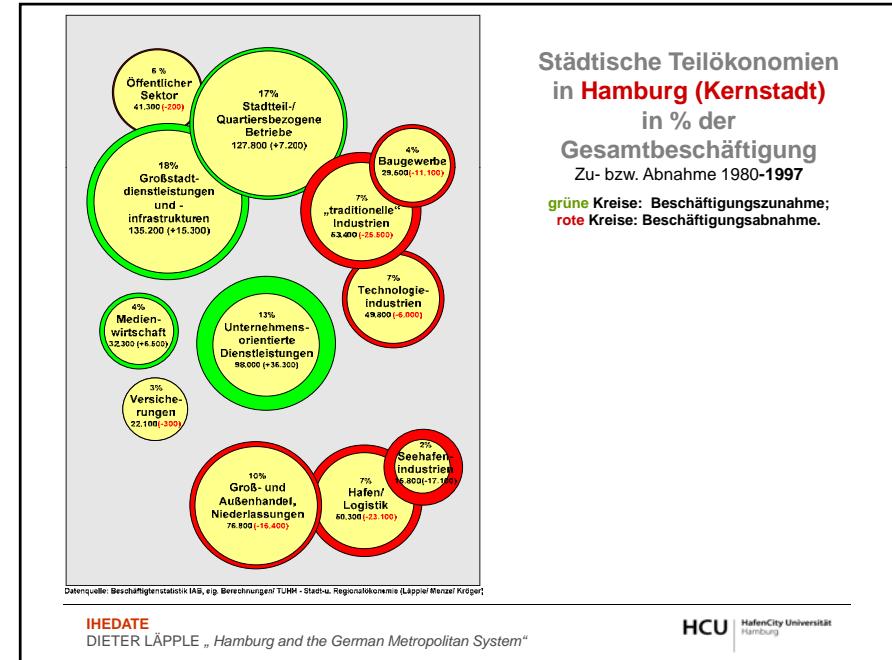
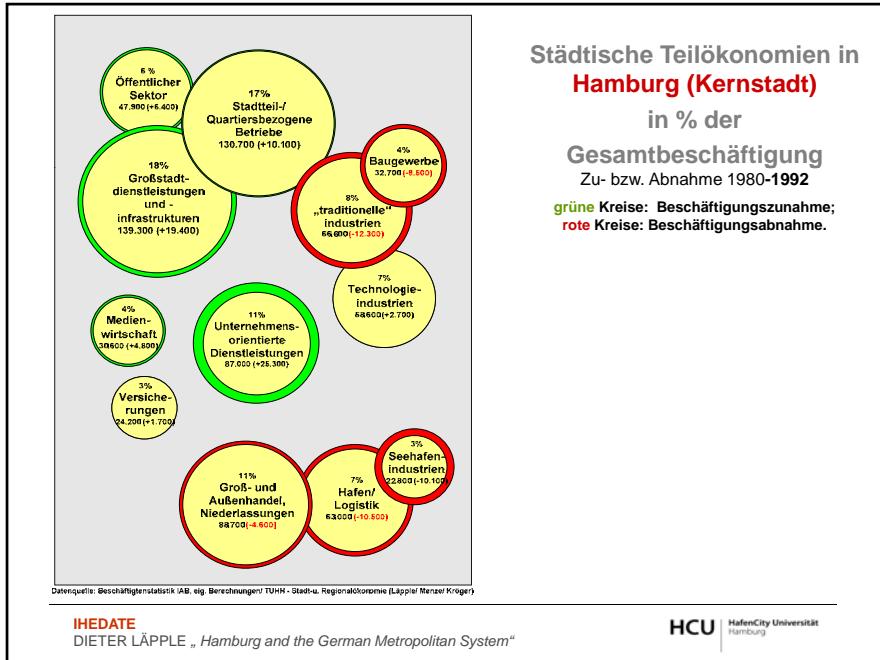
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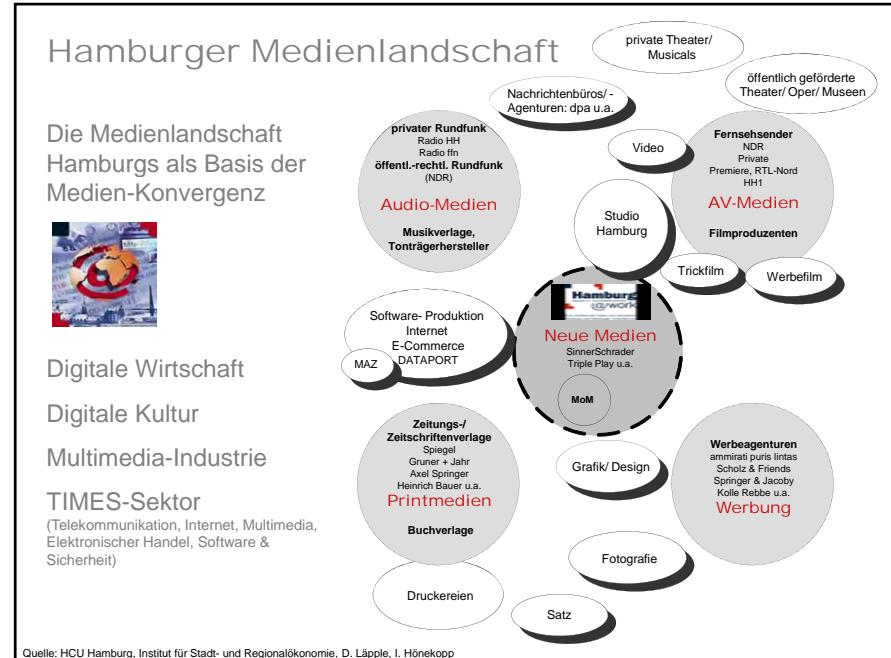
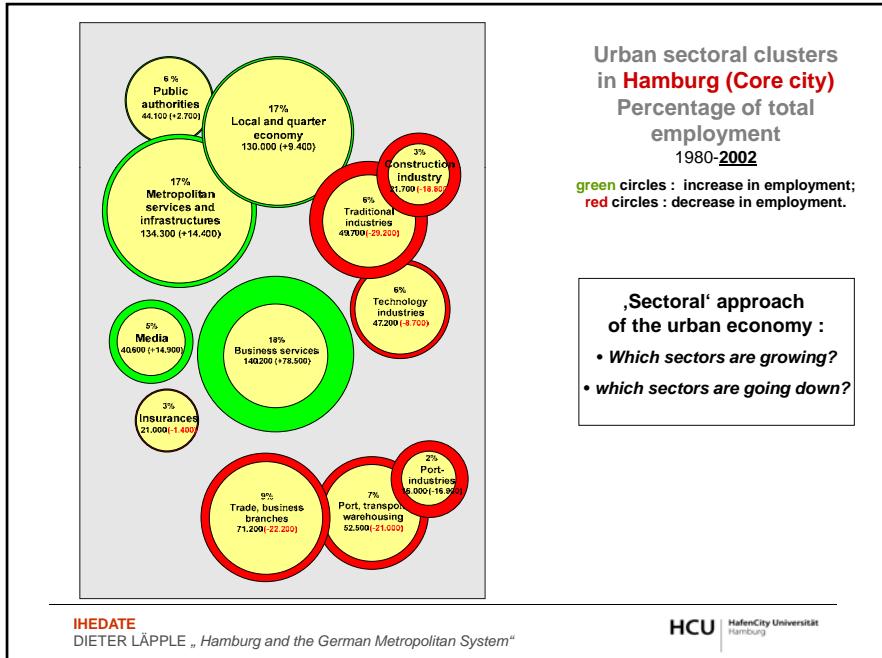
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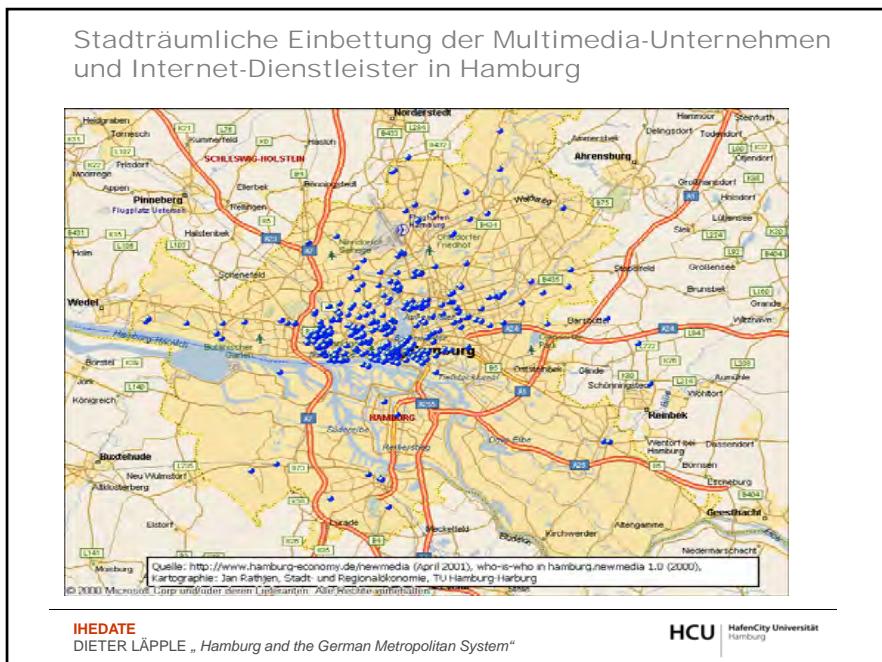
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Im Rahmen der IBA werden zentrale Fragen der aktuellen Metropolenentwicklung wie die Internationalisierung der Stadtgesellschaft und die Bedingungen eines stadtverträglichen Wachstums thematisiert, darüber hinaus die Rolle der Stadt im Klimawandel.

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