

# **REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROXIMITY RELATIONS**

**Opening session**

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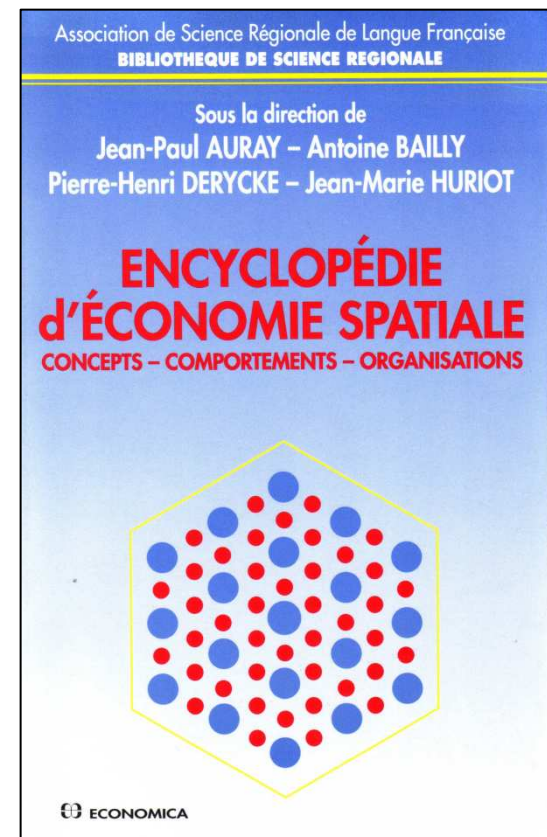
# Some epistemological foundations

Need to define some basic terms and concepts:

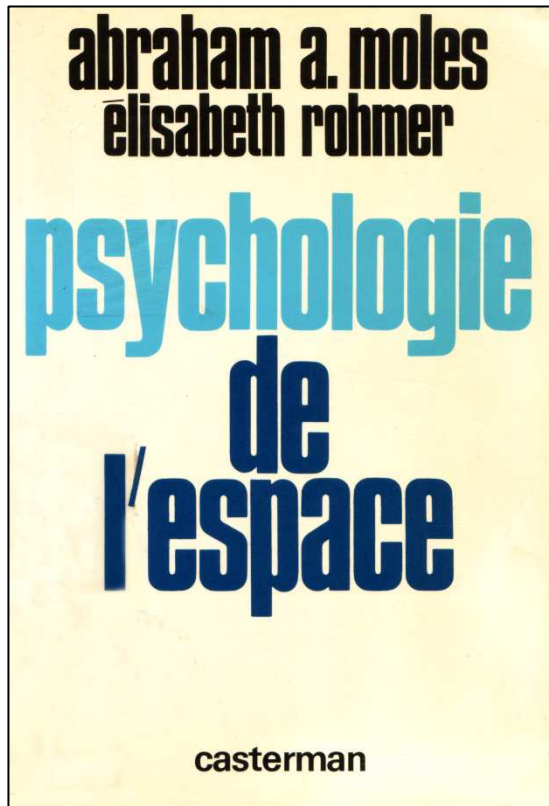
- **Region, Territory (identity, borders)**
- **Proximity (spatial, temporal, social)**
- **Development (economic, quality of life)**

Through some approaches:

- **Proxemic**
- **Topological field**



## Proxemic



Human adaptation to places and spaces  
(Zipf "least effort")  
Each individual acts in a spatial and  
temporal world (mental, values)

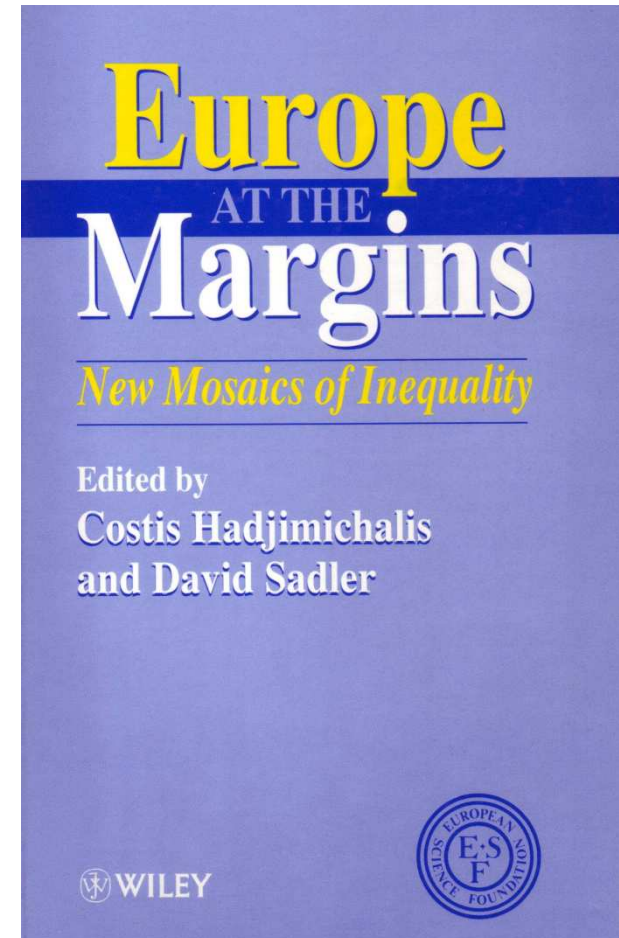


Leads to research of the topological  
field: values of places taking into  
account the closest as opposed to the  
outside (Moles "human shells")

**Region # The World**

## Basic concepts

- Role of distance and accessibility (of places, functions)
- Role of centrality, externalities and clusters (center-periphery)
- Spatial interactions (regional, with the world) and diffusion (conflicts, polarisation, domination)

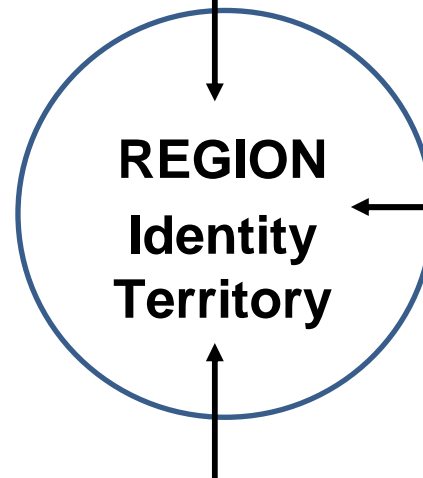


# Development and quality of life

- WORLD
- STATES

Globalisation

World system

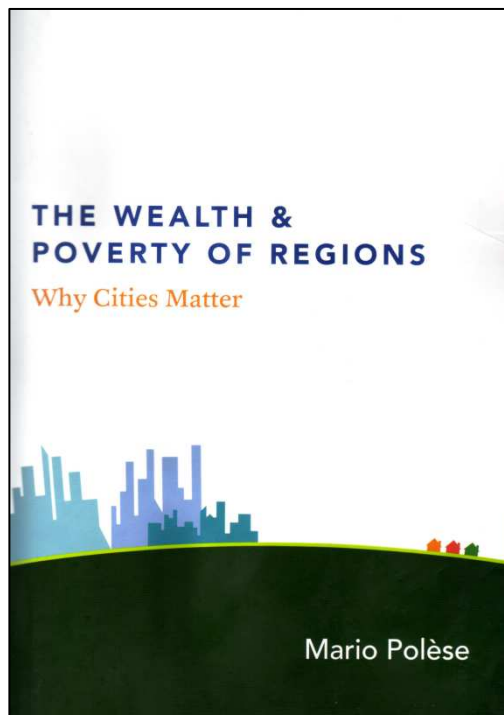


**REGION**  
Identity  
Territory

**Development and  
Quality of life  
(justice – values)**

(top down or  
bottom up?)

**Physical and human  
environment  
(culture, history)**



**A need to develop regional sustainability  
not short term development (Sen)**