Spatial Deconcentration of economic land use and quality of life in European metropolitan areas



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Spatial deconcentration of employment in the North wing of Randstad Holland, 1990-2000



North wing of the Randstad





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Objectives WP1 (1)

- Data collection on employment deconcentration
- Chart developments and trends over a 10year period relating to the form and magnitude of employment dispersal



Objectives WP1 (2)

• Provide the infrastructural knowledge base relating to European urban trends and to provide comparative case study evidence



Employment deconcentration (1)

- Employment deconcentration
 - Movement from the centre to the urban fringe
 - Relative decline of employment in the centre versus the periphery
 - In-situ growth in the urban perimeter
 - In-movement to the fringe from outside the region



Employment deconcentration (2)

- Focus on three economic sectors
 - Retail and personal services
 - Producer services
 - Manufacturing and building



Research methods

- Qualitative
- Quantitative
- Both methods based on Galster et al. (2001)
 'Wrestling sprawl to the ground: defining and measuring an elusive concept'
- Two methods because
 - Problems with availability detailed data for a 10-year period



Qualitative method (1)

• Galster's methods

- Approached in a 'qualitative manner'

- Study areas divided in 'rings'
 - Core
 - Urban ring
 - Inner suburban ring
 - Outer suburban ring



Qualitative method (2)





Qualitative method (3)

- Core
 - Inner city neighbourhoods
- Urban ring
 - Municipality
- Inner suburban ring
 - Daily urban system
- Outer suburban ring
 - Other municipalities the 'main city' has functional relations with

Employment density in the North wing of the Randstad, 1991 - 2000 Total employment





Quantitative method (1)

- Galster's approach
 - Density based
 - Grid based
 - 250m x 250m
 - Developable land per grid



Quantitative method (2)

- 8 measures of sprawl
- 4 measures selected
 - Centrality
 - Density
 - Concentration
 - Mixed uses



Quantitative method (3)

- Used data:
 - Employment data (1991, 1996, 2000)
 - Demographic data (1991, 1997, 2001)
 - Land use data (1989, 2000)



Quantitative method (4)

- Centrality
- Description
 - Degree to which employment is located close to the CBD



Centrality





Level of centrality in the North Wing of the Randstad, 1991





Level of centrality in the North Wing of the Randstad, 1996





Amsterdam

1.34628 - 2.16247 2.16248 - 3.69047 3.69048 - 9.87579 9.87580 - 25.21536 25.21537 - 162.41922

Amersfoort



Hilversum



Utrecht



Level of centrality in the North Wing of the Randstad, 2000





Results of centrality

- Employment growth in the central city is combined with employment growth in outer rings
- Amsterdam and Utrecht still are strong centres
- Level of employment sprawl is relative large in Haarlem, Amersfoort and Hilversum



Quantitative method (5)

- Density
- Description
 - Average number of employees per square metre of developable land in an urban area.



Density



Level of density in the North Wing of the Randstad, 1991



Level of density in the North Wing of the Randstad, 1996



Level of density in the North Wing of the Randstad, 2000





Results density

- Density increases throughout the entire period
- Growth of high density areas in:
 - City centres
 - Suburban locations
 - Near and alongside roads
 - Where connecting roads meet
 - Business parks



Quantitative method (6)

- Concentration
- Based on density thresholds
 - Description concentration
 - Level in which employment is located in relatively few areas or is spread evenly throughout the urban area.



Concentration



Level of concentration in the North wing of the Randstad, 1991



Level of concentration in the North wing of the Randstad, 1996



Level of concentration in the North wing of the Randstad, 2000





Results concentration

- Growth of high concentration areas is relative constant
- Growth of 'low' concentration areas is strongest between 1991 and 1996

- Cities grow closer together



Quantitative method (7)

- Mixed use
- Description
 - The degree to which two different land uses/ functions coexist within the same small area



Mixed use

Level of mixed uses in the North wing of the Randstad, 1991 - 1996 - 2000











Results mixed use

- Increase 1990 1996
- Decrease 1996 2000
- Areas with relatively more employees than inhabitants:
 - Increase alongside roads
 - Increase alongside railways
 - Increase on business parks



Conclusions: National contexts (1)

- Netherlands
 - Economic deconcentration led by producer services
 - Less deconcentration retail and personal services
- UK
 - Deconcentration and growth in city centres
- Denmark
 - Growth of economic land uses evenly distributed over metropolitan area
 - Trend back to the city



Conclusions: National contexts (2)

- Spain/ Italy
 - Strong metropolitan monocentric employment distribution
- Czech Republic
 - Employment deconcentration preceded residential deconcentration
 - Especially retail, distribution, industry and offices
- Israel
 - Especially deconcentration of retailing and business services



Conclusions: National contexts (3)

- Metropolitan variations:
 - Total employment
 - Growth in total employment in all case study cities larger in the suburban rings than in the core or central cities
 - Israel, the Netherlands and the UK have experienced the largest increase in the number of jobs
 - Growth mainly in inner suburban rings, but also in outer suburban rings (NL, UK, Rome, Prague)



Conclusions: National contexts (4)

– Share in total employment

- In general, decrease in the core of the central cities
- The cores of Prague, Brno and Aarhus accommodate still the majority of jobs
- Copenhagen, Tel Aviv: share of the core is one third
- Dutch cities: share of the core is less than 25%



Conclusions: Methods (1)

- Methods
 - Data availability
 - Definition of urban rings (functional classification based on national situation)
 - Employment density basis for most measures

Employment

Surface developable land in a 250m x 250m area



Conclusions: Methods (2)

- Data
 - Study areas divided in rings basis for data assembly quality of life indicators

Quality of life indicators: database

