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*What is East Central Europe? Can it be defined with any precision? The question of definition is a difficult one as is usually the case concerning borderlands whose historical developments show little continuity and an uncertain identity born of the conflict between aspirations and reality. It is in East Central Europe that "no peace settlement is ever final, no frontiers are secure and each generation must begin its work anew". Is there any chance that this definition will become out of date?*

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