

# **Neighbourhood Retail Development in the Context of Changing Social Structure of the Post-Socialist City of Brno**

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## **ABSTRACT**

The post-socialist cities are the spaces of substantial socio-economic and functional changes inducing different impacts to the particular neighbourhoods. Depiction of changes of the retail network in the city of Brno and their linkages to the spatially differentiated social development are the main goals of the paper.

Using the Census data from the years 1991 and 2001 the socio-economic structure of the city of Brno as well as its dynamism/inertia will be outlined. The characteristics and developmental trajectories of particular neighbourhoods will be then interlinked with the analysis of re-structuring retail network based on the empirical survey data from the years 1997, 2000, 2003 and 2006.

Several research questions can be propounded. Are there any relations between the dynamism of the socio-economic measures and the character of neighbourhood retail development? If they are, what kind of mechanisms and spatial logics can be disclosed? What are the impacts to the functional integrity of the neighbourhoods?

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