

Peer Review

# Review of: "Who Owns the Past? Symbolic Authority and Heritage Revitalization in Czech Borderlands"

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The article titled 'Who Owns the Past? Symbolic Authority and Heritage Revitalization in Czech Borderlands' provides a thoughtful and analytical examination of how the cultural heritage of the contemporary Czech border areas, the former Sudetenland, is embraced, reinterpreted, and symbolically and tangibly woven into the present-day life of the region.

The author employs a suitable methodology alongside essential concepts relevant to the analysis. The notions of place attachment, place identity, and memory nodes are clearly articulated, effectively interconnected, and rigorously applied in examining the sources and discussing the research findings. Furthermore, the innovative integration of these concepts stands out as a significant strength of this article. Additionally, the policy recommendations derived from scientific research offer valuable insights for fostering collective bonds and identity dynamics in borderland regions.

The article provides a relevant and insightful scientific perspective on cultural heritage in the Czech border regions. Its methodology, conceptual integration, theoretical framework, and findings could serve as a model for research in other similar areas. Consequently, this study stands as a significant scientific contribution to the field of heritage study.

Please see the attached document for the entire review.

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