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“The forerunners of contentment” State assessment and the East Central European post-war order, 1918–1926

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With the emergence of new states from the collapsed empires and the territorial fragmentation in Central and Eastern Europe at the end of the war, a powerful debate arose about what constitutes a “viable” state. Seeking to predict a state’s future development, discussions on “viability” (Lebensfähigkeit) focused on a state’s economy, its geography, the level of its elites’ expertise, the social stratification of its population and the size and coherence of its territory. Crystallizing in the pessimistic debate that revolved around the future prospects of the post-World War I Austrian rump state, the interpretative framework was applied to all states emerging from the fragmented imperial peripheries, including Poland and the Baltic States, which are in the focus of the paper presented.