

**Summary**

**HANNA GRZESZCZUK-BRENDEL (Poznan University of Technology) / In the margins of the book *Die Ökonomisierung des Raums. Planen und Bauen in Mittel- und Osteuropa unter den Nationalsozialisten 1938 bis 1945* by Richard Němec**

*Die Ökonomisierung des Raums. Planen und Bauen in Mittel- und Osteuropa unter den Nationalsozialisten 1936 bis 1945* by Richard Němec presents the Nazi plans of the transformation of major cities in Czechoslovakia as well as Cracow, Warsaw and Poznan (in Poland). The top imposed ideological assumptions introduced into annexed, invaded or possessed territories affected the official procedure of the planning processes as well as the selection of particular architects and limited artistic freedom. The author of the book presents the role of bureaucracy in the development of plans in conformity to the Nazi ideology posing a thesis that bureaucracy in those times played an important economic role and enjoyed financial benefits, high prestige and high professional status. Without doubt, the collected source material and literary references stand for the value of the book, which can be used as a starting point for further research on the architecture of the first half of the 20th century and for the polemics with the author.