

## PART OF THE GLOBAL NETWORK?

Planning Scientific and Technological Progress in Czechoslovakia from  
Sovietization to the First Attempts at Integration in the Socialist Bloc

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The present study traces gestation, development, and implementation of the concept of planning science from the 1950s to the beginnings of perestroika in the 1980s. A technocratic bias notwithstanding, research and planning had some tendencies at globalization. They manifested themselves in a turning away from purely national frameworks and in adapting to, even taking over international standards that finally defeated the Iron Curtain, mainly because infrastructure in itself had a marked globalizing effect. The Council of Mutual Economic Assistance, in its own agenda, adopted many elements of this global programme, however, they were never completely realized. The greatest obstacle was the hybrid space that was generated because project-related cooperation in the Eastern Bloc was always bilateral, whereas coordination and decision-making among East European partners took place multilaterally.