

Figure 2. Contrasting entrepreneurial and institutional regional innovation systems

### Ecosystem

- A metaphor to describe the complex network of interactions and interdependencies among various components.
- Consists of various organisations, institutions, individuals, and resources that interact with each other to promote and support innovation.

Universities

Research institutes

Start-ups

Established companies

Investors

Government agencies

Other organizations

A highlight on the course website: MIT Sloan Executive Education (2018) <u>Innovation</u> Ecosystems - Leveraging their Power for Organizational Success and Strategic Change (58:17)

# Innovation ecosystem

'Network of interconnected organizations, connected to a focal firm or a platform, that incorporates both production and use side participants and created as appropriates new value through innovation.'

(Autio & Thomas 2014)

### Innovation ecosystem

- Emphasizes more market mechanisms than institutionally oriented innovation system literature
- Initiated in business studies
  - IRIS from economics, regional studies, economic geography, etc. but entering ERIS studies
- Organic metaphors replace mechanical ones

- Ecosystem members share the fate of the entire system (Moore, 1993)
- Access to global innovation ecosystems highlighted



Rinkinen (2016): "ecosystems are first and foremost global.

The role of a region [originally] is not visible in the literature concerning ecosystems.

The national level perspective is the main way in which ecosystem discussion is connected to the geographical context.

It is generally difficult to define the ecosystem boundaries, whether they are geographical or not."

Local and regional development scholars and policy makers have woken up



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### Vinnväxt Programme, Sweden

- Supports regional growth through dynamic innovation systems
- Takes the form of a competition for regions
  - The winning regions will receive funding of up to SEK 10 million per year for a period of ten years.
- The aim is to promote sustainable growth by developing internationally competitive research and innovation environments in specific growth fields



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Vinnyäxt winner 2016

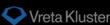
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Secure IoT

Sustainable business models

> **Effective** logistics

Advanced materials







### Example: Virtual autopsy reveals ancient Egyptian murder (1:50)



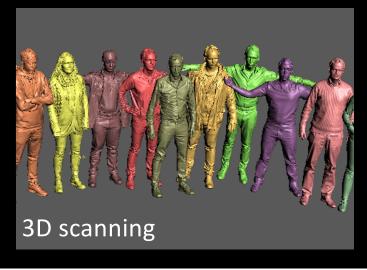


# Stimulation activities













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Complementary if you like to learn more

<u>OPEN SPACE - SC19 Invited Talks: Anders</u> <u>Ynnerman, Linköping University, Sweden</u> (45:49)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CN2fzPlfznU



# Tampere?

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Path development, proximity and innovation





Criticism: many of the theories and models related to economic development of regions and innovation systems are too static



Path development

### Path dependence and path creation

- Path dependence and path creation (also referred to as new path development) are key concepts in regional development studies (Hassink, Isaksen & Trippl, 2019)
- Path creation or new path development is about 'the emergence and growth of new industries and economic activities in regions' (MacKinnon, Dawley, Pike, & Cumbers, 2018a)





- Explains a current state of affairs from its history
- Explains how existing industrial structures preserve what already is



### Processes generating path dependency

#### David's network externality

- Technical interrelatedness
  - the reinforcing effects of complementarity and compatibility among the different components of a technology and its use
- Economies of scale
  - the benefits associated with the increasing use of a technology—such as a decline in user costs—as the technology gains in acceptance relative to other systems
- The quasi-irreversibility of investments
  - the difficulties of switching technologyspecific capital and human skills to alternative uses

#### Arthur's increasing returns effects

- Large initial fixed setup costs
- Dynamic learning effects
  - learning by doing or using and learning by interaction tend to entail positive feedbacks
- Coordination effects
  - confer advantages to going along with other economic agents taking similar actions
- Self-reinforcing expectations
  - when the increased prevalence of a product, technology, process, or practice enhances beliefs of further prevalence

Table 1. The key dimensions of particular evolutionary pathways of a decline.

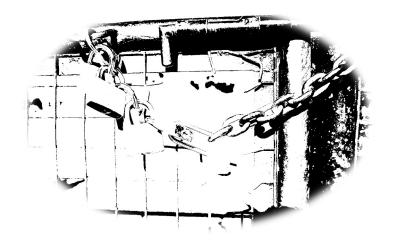
	Firm-level		Key dimensions		Region-level: Modification of the regional asset base		Empirical illustrations		
Path	Strategies	Main drivers	Connectedness	Capital accumulation	Resilience	Main alterations	Future potential	Example	Reference
Down-grading	Removal of higher value- added functions	FDIs driven by low-cost strategies / intensive competitive pressure	Internal: decrease; external: increase	declining	dedining	Loss of key assets	Risk of being trapped in lower-quality segments	<ul> <li>South East of Bulgaria (apparel, 1990s)</li> <li>Non-metropolitan regions in Philippines (voice- based services, 2000–2013)</li> <li>Daegu (textile, 1980–2005)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Pickles, Smith, Bucěk, Roukova, and Begg (2006)</li> <li>Kleibert (2016)</li> <li>Hassink (2010)</li> </ul>
Contraction	Reduction of product diversity / re- specialization	Weak competitiveness in the global economy	Internal: decrease; external: increase	declining	varying	Risk of over- specialized assets	opportunities for diversification	<ul> <li>Pittsburg (steel, 1980–2005)</li> <li>South Birmingham (automotive, 1970–1980s)</li> <li>Teeside (steel &amp; chemicals, 1960–1980s)</li> <li>Luxembourg (financial services, 1990–2014)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Treado (2010)</li> <li>Smith (1989)</li> <li>Beynon et al. (1989)</li> <li>Dörry, (2015)</li> </ul>
De-localisation	Relocation to more favourable locations	Better cost-capability ratio, more suitable frameworks or availability of resources at other locations	Ultimately declining (internally & externally)	Dis- investment	sharply declining	Broad destruction and de- locking of assets	Severe effects on long-term development potentials	<ul> <li>La Laguna (textile, 2000–2010)</li> <li>S. Korea (retail, 1999–2015)</li> <li>S. Australia &amp; Victoria (automotive, 2000–2017)</li> </ul>	

Source: Own compilation.

# Lock-ins

- Structural lock-in
- Cognitive lock-in
- Political lock-in

(Grapher, 1993)



Institutions carry history and lock-ins

### Close intra-regional interdependence may turn against innovation

- Shared worldview and groupthink
- Focus on improving the old and not on developing new trajectories
- Adapation is difficult

- Perfect adaptation to a specific local environment and internal coherence
  - Stable inter-organisational linkages (Functional)
  - Personal relations and related knowledge (Cognitive)
  - Tightly knit politico-administrative system (Political)

(Grapher, 1993)





### Why do well-doing cities/regions turn into stagnant regions?

- Stable trust-based linkages between regional core firms and other actors
- Reduce transaction costs but do not boost innovation
- Long-term R&D becomes an end in itself

- Source of ideas too narrow
- Quality of marketing and distribution too local
- Localized personal connections rather than constantly evolving open networks

"Old Industrial Regions can be regarded as the Industrial Districts of the past: initial strengths - industrial atmosphere, specialized infrastructure, close inter-firm linkages, strong support by regional institutions - turned into stubborn obstacles to innovation"

(Grabher 1993)

### The closure of the Australian car manufacturing industry (Beer 2018)

Was decline inevitable, and was it the product of a strong currency buoyed by a mining boom?

What	Announced (Closure)	Outcome
Toyota	2014 (2017)	• 30 000 jobs in South
General Motors Holden (GMH)	2013 (2017)	Australia • 100 000 jobs in Victoria
Ford Australia	(2013)	
Mitsubishi	(2008)	
Nissan	(1992)	
Chrysler	(1981)	
Leyland	(1971)	







- All sectors are potentially vulnerable in a globalised economy
- Relative labour costs alone are not the sole determinant of an industry's capacity to survive







### Why

- A peripheral position in global production networks -> limited knowledge base and innovation capacity
- No supportive industrial ecology around the major producers - limited knowledge base and innovation capacity
- The small scale of local production no cluster effect
- High cost structures relative to competitor plants
- A strong currency
- The shifting priorities of parent corporations

#### Ron Boschma: Proximity and Innovation: A Critical Assessment



#### Ron Boschma

### Proximity and Innovation: A Critical Assessment

Table 1. Five forms of proximity: some features

	Key dimension	Too little proximity	Too much proximity	Possible solutions
1. Cognitive	Knowledge gap	Misunderstanding	Lack of sources of novelty	Common knowledge base with diverse but complementary capabilities
2. Organizational	Control	Opportunism	Bureaucracy	Loosely coupled system
3. Social	Trust (based on social relations)	Opportunism	No economic rationale	Mixture of embedded and market relations
4. Institutional	Trust (based on common institutions)	Opportunism	Lock-in and inertia	Institutional checks and balances
5. Geographical	Distance	No spatial externalities	Lack of geographical openness	Mix of local 'buzz' and extra-local linkages

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### Machinery in Tampere



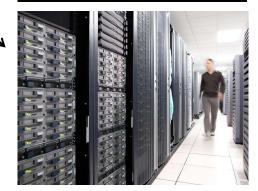
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Kimono cluster in Kyoto



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From pulp and paper to biofuels



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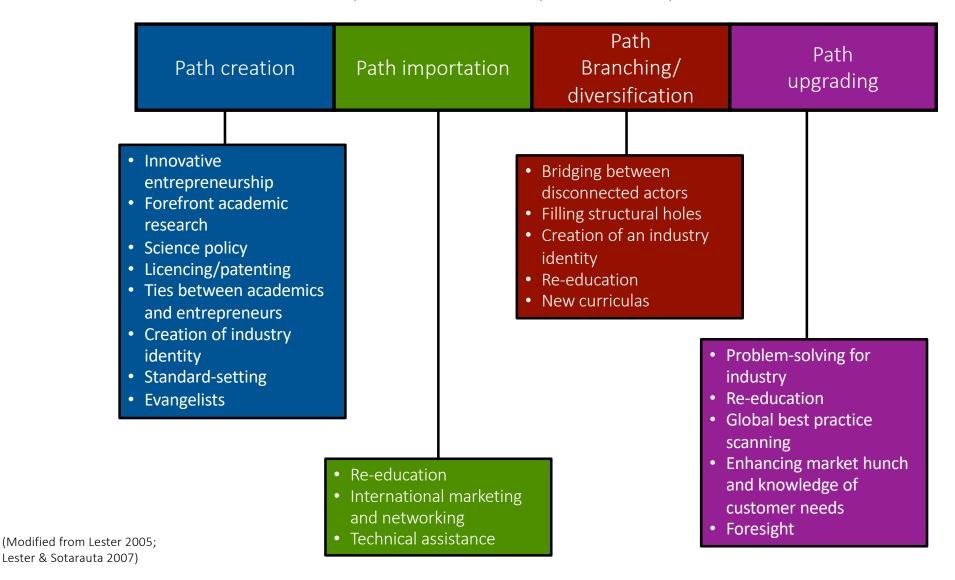
From cruisers to hotels or amusements parks

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Personal computers



#### Key mechanisms in path development





Geography of innovation - contributions



### Where next?

Old way (After the II WW)	New way (1980/90 ->)	Next way??? (2020 ->)
Industry standards	Open systems	Restricted systems inside blocs
Culture of secrecy, loyalty, individual action	Culture of interaction, labour mobility, experimentations	Culture of secrecy and loyalty between blocs but interaction inside them
Self-sufficiency under one roof, often in a large firm	Decentralized system, specialised core competencies, division of labour	Centralisation creeps back to secure national interests – cities and regions comply
Firm and state based	Globally, nationally, regionally network-based	Blocs and nationally based
National interests dominated in an opening intl. economy	Global economy and local/regional hubs (cities)	Blocs and nation states dominate

- Uneven geography of knowledge and innovation clearly revealed
- Regional typologies
  - Key actors and governance (Cooke 1998; Asheim and Isaksen 2002)
  - Strengths in radical versus incremental innovations (Cooke 2004)
  - System failures (Isaksen 2001; Tödtling and Trippl 2005)

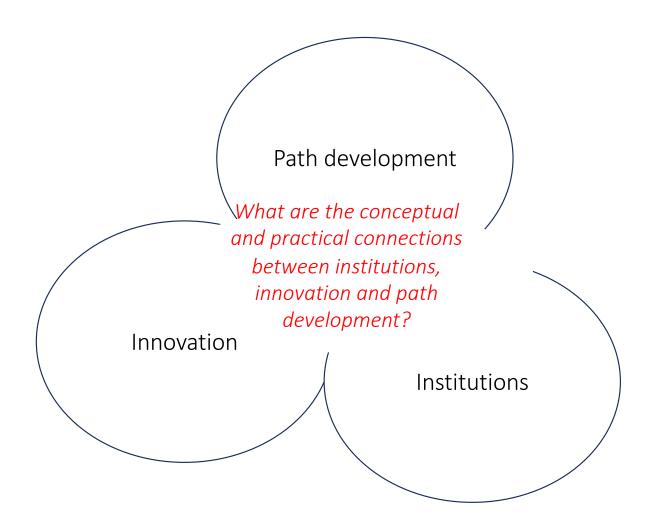
- Application to a variety of contexts
   (Radosevic 2002; Chaminade and Vang 2008; Blazek and Zizalova 2010; Lundquist and Trippl 2013)
  - How to understand incomplete or emergent RIS?
  - How and why RIS emerge and strengthen over time?
  - How to compare RIS across fundamentally different institutional and economic contexts?

### Generic lessons

- The 'right' institutional, cultural and governance conditions stimulate innovation in localities
  - What are the right conditions that's the question
- Local government and local networks may influence by being proactive in stimulating an innovative environment.
  - Call for place leadership (-> hal.kajo.316)

- Local innovation stimulates local renewal
  - Regions need to specialize to generate clusters, milieux, systems or learning capacities
  - Diversity is the soil where specializations grow





Thank you — enjoy forthcoming spring!

But not yet



