

OVERVIEW OF THE THEORIES OF GEOGRAPHICAL CLUSTERING AND AGGLOMERATION

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Abstract

The purpose of the paper is to enhance the overview of the interactions between the theoretical approaches of clustering and agglomeration. The paper gives a theoretical overview of these different approaches to the concepts of geographical clustering and agglomeration. Based on a description of four different theoretical schools (mainstream, evolutionary economics of innovation, economic/industrial geography, and strategic management) we develop a graphical illustration of the relationship and interactions between the different theoretical approaches. Moreover this illustration gives an overview of the common research agendas, which make the basic schools of theory, interact.