

Regional evolutionary economic geography approaches to destination evolution. An introduction

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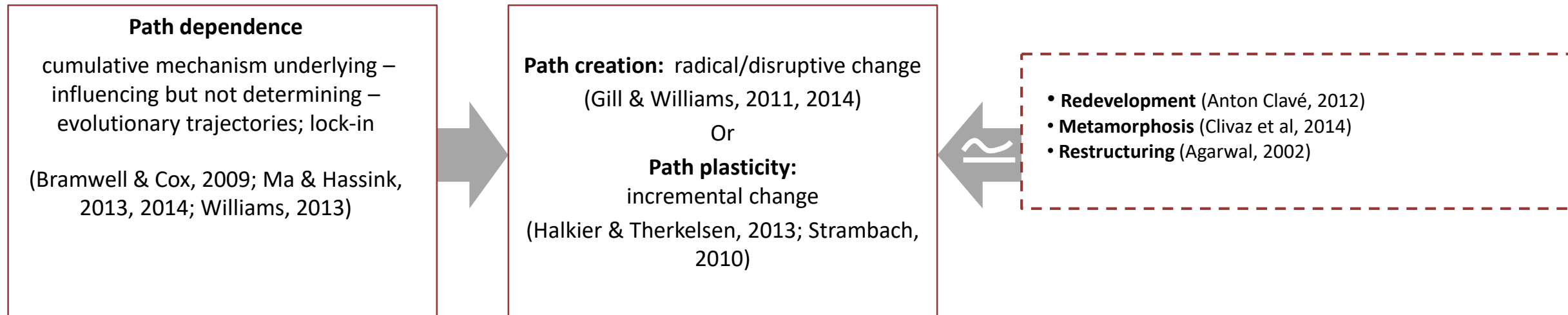


Context

Evolutionary Economic Geography

(Boschma & Frenken, 2006, 2009;
Boschma & Martin, 2007, 2010)

New perspectives aiming to understand the (often unexpected) ways in which destinations can break with their historical legacies and structures and change their paths...



Path shaping (Bramwell, 2011; Jessop, 2008)

Domains

- Rapidly growing domain of research (Ioannides, Halkier & Lew 2014)
- Increasingly recognized central place of innovative thinking about the understanding on how and why tourism destinations evolve over time (Brouder et al 2017).
- Bridging with life cycle, resilience, sustainability, complexity and adaptive approaches
- Expansion toward ever more destinations of diverse sizes and nature across many regions in the world (Chim-Miki & Domareski-Ruiz 2016, Martinovic 2017, Zhang & Xiao, 2014).



New inspiring studies combining EEG approaches with regional academic research traditions are enriching the field.

Objectives

Besides the general adoption of the conceptual lens of EEG to the analysis of destination evolution, place matters when scholars focus their interest, methods, and approaches. So, it is important:

1. To bring together tourism researches from different regional academic traditions working in the area of destination evolution from an evolutionary economic geography approach.
2. To highlight the role of the academic context where research is produced as a positive factor for the development of the field (Anton Clavé & Wilson, 2013).
3. To discuss how tourism geographers are facing the challenge of creating a joint fertile environment to fully comprehend the evolution of tourism destinations.

Topics

- Which are the catalytic factors that influence the transformation of destinations over time?
- Why do some destinations experience a sudden growth and others undergo a more progressive path of development?
- To what extent does the local and global context affect the evolution of tourism destinations?
- What role do the interaction and action of stakeholders have in enabling and constraining the development of destinations over time?
- How do decisions that have been made and events that have occurred in the past affect the definition of tourism destinations' future development paths?

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