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Towards a competence theory of the region

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This paper argues the case for extending the competence theory of the firm, or more generally the competence perspective, to analysis of the region. The relevance of the perspective follows from the characterisation of productive systems such as firms and regions as ensembles of competences that emerge from, but are not reducible to, social interaction. Attention is drawn to an identifiable (although unacknowledged) convergence of ideas in the recent regional literature, arguing that these ideas are best re-conceptualised in terms of regional competences. The cluster of high-technology firms in the Cambridge region of the UK is briefly referred to in order to illustrate the main ideas of the paper.

1. Introduction

Recent years have witnessed a growing number of attempts to re-conceptualise both the region and the firm in economic research. The focus on the region has revolved around various (overlapping) themes. Some contributions have been concerned with identifying the reasons for the economic success of certain regions: for example, the districts of NEC Italy, Toyota City, Silicon Valley, Baden Württemberg. Others have responded to the realisation that an increasing amount of international trade and investment flows have actually increased regional specialisation, rather than uniformity. Perhaps the most discussed of all has been the observation that, despite falling transport and communication costs, there has been an increase in the importance of firm clustering, especially in high-technology, information-intensive sectors—sectors which, given the enormous recent developments in information technologies, one might have expected to be the least sensitive to the need for geographical proximity. In attempting to explain these phenomena, attention has shifted away from a focus upon individual firms to a concern with the productive system within which firms operate,¹ with particular attention being paid to the region-specific qualities of the linkages and relations that exist between firms. This strategy has not, however, been a unified or systematic one. One result of this is that there

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¹ The term productive system (Wilkinson, 1983) is used in preference to the more widely used production system in order to avoid the bias towards input-output linkages implicit in the latter.

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