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Advances in the Theory and Practice of Smart Specialization-Glavo Radiosvic 2017-08-17 Regional growth in the European Union hinges to a large extent on smart specialization, a new and exciting theme in economic innovation policy. Advances in the Theory and Practice of Smart Specialization examines the complexities of smart specialisation and provides a framework for assessing the success of smart specialisation efforts. The book explores the opportunities and challenges of smart specialisation, including the factors that shape the success of such efforts. It offers a fresh perspective on the current state of smart specialisation and provides guidance for future research. The book is divided into four main parts. The first part discusses the origins of smart specialisation, the second part explores the role of smart specialisation in regional development, the third part examines the role of smart specialisation in industrial development, and the fourth part looks at the future of smart specialisation. The book is an essential resource for anyone interested in understanding the complexities of smart specialisation and its role in regional development.

The Empirical and Institutional Dimensions of Smart Specialisation-Philip McCann 2016-11-25 Smart specialisation is the new policy approach developed in order to help European economies grow and innovate. It involves fostering innovative and entrepreneurial initiatives which are well tailored to the local context. The different technologies, skills profiles, business activities, institutions and sectors which reflect a region’s economic strengths and potential are to be fostered and encouraged to diversify in ways which also exploit the different technologies, skills profiles, business activities, institutions and sectors which reflect a region’s linkages with broader global value-chains. Yet, the ideas contained in the smart specialisation agenda have until now been primarily conceptual in nature. The Empirical and Institutional Dimensions of Smart Specialisation draws together the leading regional economists and scientists in Europe to analyse how smart specialisation is working in practice and to assess the conditions for successful implementation. The book is aimed both at researchers interested in the interface between economic geography and regional innovation systems as well as at policy makers making public policy decisions related to regional development at the local, city, regional or national levels.

Smart Specialization Strategies and the Role of Entrepreneurial Universities-Casiro, Nuno 2018-11-02 One of the most pivotal tasks of a regional government is to find different and innovative ways to develop their economic strength and potential. This book helps them align European Structural and Investment Funds with the Europe 2020 strategy and introduced measures to support innovation and research, it has helped identify those areas of greatest strategic potential, developing economic strengths and potential are to be fostered and encouraged to diversify in ways which also exploit the region’s linkages with broader global value-chains. Yet, the ideas contained in the smart specialisation agenda have until now been primarily conceptual in nature. The Empirical and Institutional Dimensions of Smart Specialisation draws together the leading regional economists and scientists in Europe to analyse how smart specialisation is working in practice and to assess the conditions for successful implementation. The book is aimed both at researchers interested in the interface between economic geography and regional innovation systems as well as at policy makers making public policy decisions related to regional development at the local, city, regional or national levels.

The Entrepreneurial Discovery Process and Regional Development-Joëlle Maria Disney 2018-12-20 There is a broad and long-standing debate on possible solutions to the regional vulnerabilities of globalisation. In 2014, the European Commission began implementing Smart Specialisation Strategy, a place-based strategy of growth, regional transformation and new industrial policy with collective entrepreneurial discovery processes (EDPs) at its core. This book is a comprehensive examination of the entrepreneurial discovery process (EDP), highlighting topics such as economic development, entrepreneurship ecosystem evolution, and regional policy. The authors explore how to promote growth and innovation in regions by fostering the entrepreneurial discovery process. This book is an essential resource for anyone interested in understanding the entrepreneurial discovery process and its role in regional development.

Governing Smart Specialisation-Dmitriy Kryalovs 2016-10-04 In recent years, smart specialisation has been a key building block of regional economic and development policy across the European Union. Providing targeted support aimed at promoting key sectors and regions is essential for policymakers to meet the challenges of the 21st century. This book provides an overview of the smart specialisation agenda and examines the key principles and challenges that policymakers must consider when implementing such policies. It offers a fresh perspective on the current state of smart specialisation and provides guidance for future research. The book is divided into four main parts. The first part discusses the origins of smart specialisation, the second part explores the role of smart specialisation in regional development, the third part examines the role of smart specialisation in industrial development, and the fourth part looks at the future of smart specialisation. The book is an essential resource for anyone interested in understanding the complexities of smart specialisation and its role in regional development.

The Life Cycle of Clusters-2017-08-02 This book provides a critical analysis of the shift in emphasis from cluster policy to smart specialisation policy. It examines the factors driving this shift and the potential implications for policy and practice. This book is an essential resource for anyone interested in understanding the complexities of smart specialisation and its role in regional development.

Strategies for Shaping Territorial Competitiveness-Joëlle Maria Disney 2015-04-15 This book focuses on the role of entrepreneurial discovery processes in shaping territorial competitiveness. It provides a comprehensive examination of the entrepreneurial discovery process (EDP), highlighting topics such as economic development, entrepreneurship ecosystem evolution, and regional policy. The authors explore how to promote growth and innovation in regions by fostering the entrepreneurial discovery process. This book is an essential resource for anyone interested in understanding the entrepreneurial discovery process and its role in regional development.

EU Cohesion Policy-John Rettich 2016-10-26 The Open Access version of this book, available at http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/book/10.4324/9781315480187, has been made available under a Creative Commons Attribution-Non Commercial-No Derivatives 3.0 license. This book brings together academics, members of the European Parliament, and regional policy-makers to analyse the future of EU cohesion policy. The book provides a comprehensive examination of the entrepreneurial discovery process (EDP), highlighting topics such as economic development, entrepreneurship ecosystem evolution, and regional policy. The book is an essential resource for anyone interested in understanding the entrepreneurial discovery process and its role in regional development.

Regional Innovation Strategies 3 (RIS3)-Roberto Capello 2018-12-07 With regions and nations having formally fulfilled the ex ante conditionality, this book provides a first overview of RIS3 policy process, aiming to assess the consistency of the concept of smart specialization from an applied, policy-oriented perspective. It draws on the RIS3 process studies of over 500 regions and national level governments since 2009 to provide new insights into how smart specialization strategies are being implemented and what challenges they face. The book reveals that smart specialization strategies have yet to fully embrace new regional development policies, embracing the importance of a place-based approach. However, the approach's potential to add distinctive value will stem from its capacity to foster a more inclusive and localized approach to regional economic development. The book provides a comprehensive examination of the entrepreneurial discovery process (EDP), highlighting topics such as economic development, entrepreneurship ecosystem evolution, and regional policy. The book is an essential resource for anyone interested in understanding the entrepreneurial discovery process and its role in regional development.
specialization-based policies may help to reconcile cohesion and competitiveness objectives. Consequently, new approaches to innovation and regional development are necessary, as they aim to address the needs of a globalized world characterized by the rise of new technologies, advanced production processes, and increasing demand for sustainable economic growth. The book offers a comprehensive overview of the latest developments in regional and urban development policies, providing insights, recommendations, and practical solutions for achieving sustainable growth.

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of traditional employers because of a major loss in market share due to new competitors, acquisition by global firms, or off-shoring of production or services was traditionally thought to be beyond the scope of powers of regional policy makers, thinkers, and business leaders. In the world of practice, these concerns about the economic performance of place-city, region or state-are increasingly focused on how to adapt to these trends and leverage their existing resources to respond to these global challenges as a positive opportunity. The Oxford Handbook of Local Competitiveness brings together some of the leading minds in the fields of business, economics, and social sciences to identify, articulate, and analyze what influences and shapes local competitiveness and what places can do to enhance their economic performance. The contributors to the Handbook provide a body of systematic analyses supporting that the local context is a critical element of the forces that shape competitiveness. The challenges to generate and sustain economic performance vary across places, and the factors and conditions that either enhance or impede competitiveness also are place-specific. Finally, the characteristics and nature of what constitutes success also vary across places. This Handbook is the essential reading material for academics in the fields of economics and public policy, as well as business leaders who hope to gain a more in-depth understanding of their field. Informative and intellectually rigorous, The Oxford Handbook of Local Competitiveness is the definitive volume of scholarly analysis regarding the relationship between place and economic competition.

Smart Development for Rural Areas-Andrò Torme 2020-10-11 This thought-provoking book questions the framework of the Horizon 2020 strategy and the policies of smart development. It aims to answer the following question: Is there any possibility for a policy of smart development and smart specialization in rural and peri-urban areas? Based on detailed analytical studies, empirical and econometric methods, as well as various European case studies, several conclusions are shown. Smart development policies are well adapted to the developed or intermediate regions containing at the same time rural and urban areas, but do not really function for the more rural or more peripheral regions. The development policies of rural areas must be adapted to their particular characteristics, to the structure of their economies (agriculture, small firms), as well as to their diversity (distinct regions, intermediate regions, rural areas near the urban areas). It appears interesting to exploit economic and cultural amenities, to develop the multifunctional character of the agriculture, to promote territorial innovation under all its forms, to favor the synergies between the various uses of land and space, and to develop the knowledge on the ecological, socioeconomic processes, as well as on the mechanisms of territorial governance. These results are very important because they question the validity of the H2020 policy and the smart development and smart specialization policies and their applicability to the whole European area, and not only for the most urban and rich areas. It will be valuable reading for students, researchers and policymakers in regional development, rural studies, spatial planning and economic geography.

Building an Entrepreneurial and Sustainable Society-Hernández-Sánchez, Btezie 2020-03-27 As the global economy continues to evolve, the idea of sustainability has become a prevalent area of concentration. Businesses are searching for more environmentally and socially conscious practices as the market distances itself from traditional approaches. Today, entrepreneurs, business leaders, government officials, environmentalists, and individuals are the foundation for creating and building profitable societies. Understanding the practice of sustainable entrepreneurship is pivotal in predicting future trends in business and the economy. Building an Entrepreneurial and Sustainable Society provides emerging research exploring the theoretical and practical aspects of sustainability within entrepreneurship and its applications in modern socioeconomics. Featuring coverage on a broad range of topics such as public policies, internationalization, and social innovation, this book is ideally designed for entrepreneurs, business specialists, professionals, researchers, managers, economists, educators, scholars, and students seeking current knowledge on the evolution of sustainable entrepreneurship and its contextual factors.

Smart Development in Smart Communities-Gilberto Antonelli 2016-09-13 The concept of smart cities has become one of the most significant new lines of thinking to emerge in the social sciences in recent years, both from the research and policy angles. To date, the focus in smart specialization has been on what regions as a whole can do to bring about innovation, but it hasn’t necessarily addressed the mile cities play within the field. This book aims to address that gap, drawing together a team of leading contributors, to illustrate this process with particular focus on cities. Smart Development in Smart Communities discusses the cross-fertilization between smart specialization and cities, seeking new intersections and new interactions with the many micro- and meso-economic framework, from both a theoretical and applied perspective. Specific topics covered by the book include: human capital formation and utilization; centralisation/decentralisation policies; innovation policy and collaboration; and the role of public utilities in sustaining smart development processes. This book tackles some of the most important questions that must be faced when investigating how structural change and innovation processes are shaping local and global economic development. It will be of interest to academics and researchers in the area of Development Economics, Urban Studies and Public Management.

Industry 4.0 and Regional Transformations-Lisa De Propis 2020-04-30 This edited volume brings together a group of expert contributors to explore important opportunities and the challenges that Industry 4.0 (smart manufacturing) is likely to pose for regions, firms and jobs in Europe. Drawing on theory and empirical cases, it considers emerging issues like servitization, new innovation models for local production systems and the increase in re-shoring. Industry 4.0 and Regional Transformations captures the complexity of this new manufacturing model in an accessible way and considers its implications for the future. It will be essential reading for advanced students and researchers and policy makers in regional studies, industrial policy, economic geography; innovation studies, operations management and engineering.

Regional Innovation Impact of Universities-Robert Wijes 2021-05-28 Driven by European Union policy challenges, this cutting-edge book focuses upon the Regional Innovation Impact (RII) of universities, to analyse the socioeconomic impact that universities in Europe have on their homeports, metropolitan areas and regions. This book is assembled and organized so that readers can first learn about the theoretical underpinnings of regional competitiveness and development theory, before moving on to deeper discussions of key factors and principal elements, the emergence of allied concepts, empirical applications, and the policy context.

Sustainable Urbanization-Mustafa Ergen 2016-09-28 The rapid urbanization that began with industrialization has begun to cause many problems. New approaches are emerging today to minimize these problems and make urban areas more livable. These problems include insufficient social facilities in areas for increasing populations due to migration and unbalanced use of green areas, water, and energy resources due to urbanization. Careless consumption and the pollution of natural resources will cause people many more problems in the future than they do today in urban development. Many professional disciplines have noticed this unbalanced development in urban areas. Urban areas have larger populations than rural areas today. Urban areas are developed neglectfully. Sustainability is needed as a criterion for urban areas to develop in a more livable and healthy fashion. Sustainable urban development approaches are seen in many fields, ranging from land use to the use of natural resources in urban areas.

Implementation Challenge of Smart Specialisation Innovation Strategies in Catch-Up Regions-George Papachristou 2019

Handbook of Regions and Competitiveness-Robert Higgins 2017-03-31 The aim of this Handbook is to take stock of regional competitiveness and complementary concepts as a means of presenting a state-of-the-art discussion of the contemporary theories, perspectives and empirical explanations that help make sense of the determinants of uneven development across regions. Drawing on an international field of leading scholars, the book is assembled and organized so that readers can first learn about the theoretical underpinnings of regional competitiveness and development theory, before moving on to deeper discussions of key factors and principal elements, the emergence of allied concepts, empirical applications, and the policy context.

New Metropolitan Perspectives-Carmela Beatrici 2020-01-01 This open access book presents the outcomes of the symposium “NEW METROPOLITAN PERSPECTIVES,” held at Mediterranean University, Reggio Calabria, Italy on May 26-28, 2020. Addressing the challenge of Knowledge Dynamics and Innovation-driven Policies Towards Urban and Regional Transition, the book presents a multi-disciplinary debate on the new frontiers of strategic and spatial planning, economic programs and decision support tools in connection with urban-rural area networks and metropolitan centers. The respective papers focus on five main tracks: innovation dynamics, smart cities and ICT; Urban regeneration, community-led practices and PPP; Local development, inland and urban areas in territorial cohesion strategies; Mobility, accessibility and infrastructures; Heritage, landscape and community link management, entrepreneurship and energy. The book also includes a Special Section on Regional United Nations 2020-2030. Given its scope, the book will benefit all researchers, practitioners and policymakers interested in issues concerning metropolitan and marginal areas.

New Avenues for Regional Innovation Systems - Theoretical Advances, Empirical Cases and Policy Lessons-Arne Ibsen 2013-01-01 This book discusses the latest theoretical advances in regional innovation research, presents empirical cases involving the development of regional innovation systems (RISs), and explores regional innovation policy approaches. Grounded in the extensive literature on RISs, it addresses state-of-the-art developments in light of recent, theoretical advances in economic geography and related disciplines. Written in honor of Bjørn Andersh’s seventieth birthday, this book includes chapters prepared by collaborators, colleagues and former PhD-students of one of the founding fathers of RIS research. Further, it makes a significant contribution to the academic debate on regional innovation and growth and offers valuable insights for scholars and policymakers alike.