

CATEGORIES&TAXONOMIES

in Rediscovering farming and countryside

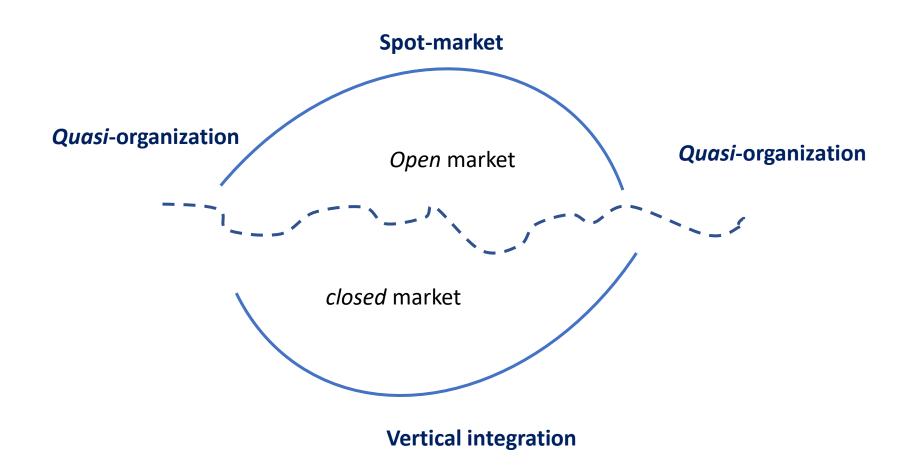
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Objectives

- Coordinates of a research program
- Identifying the achievements: pushing forward the frontiers?
- Is there a general inquiry purpose behind the streams of studies?

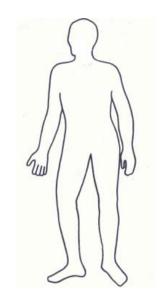
The origin

Institutions matters: the New Institutional Economics turn



A long story made short.....

Contracting man



Farming styles

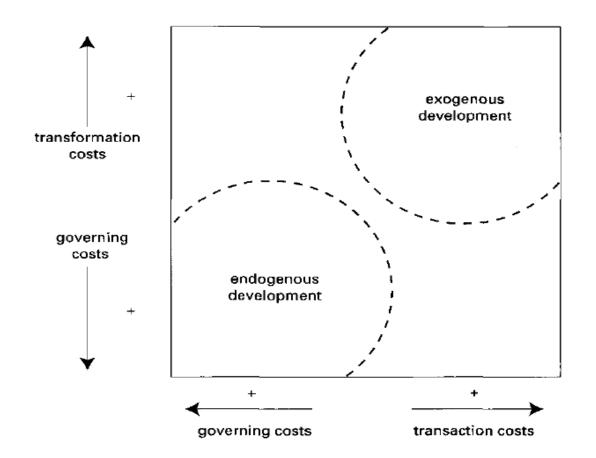




The theory of the organizational transformation

Bringing Coase on the field

Figure 1 Schematic Representation of Costs Involved in Exogenous and Endogenous Development



Putting the institutions in place



Taxonomy 1

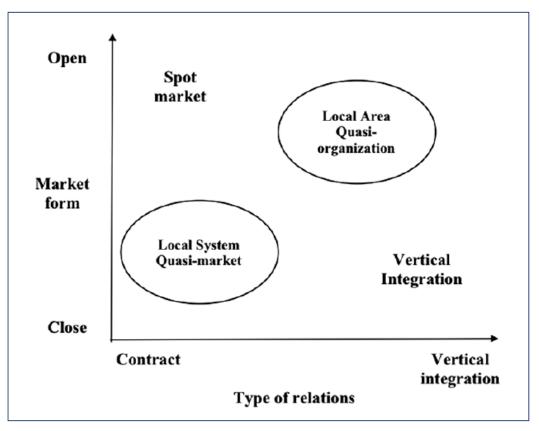
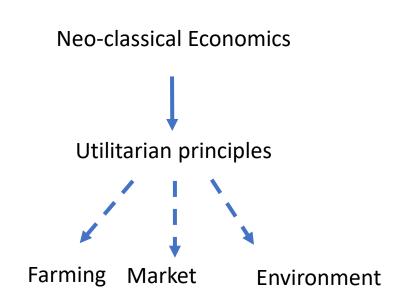
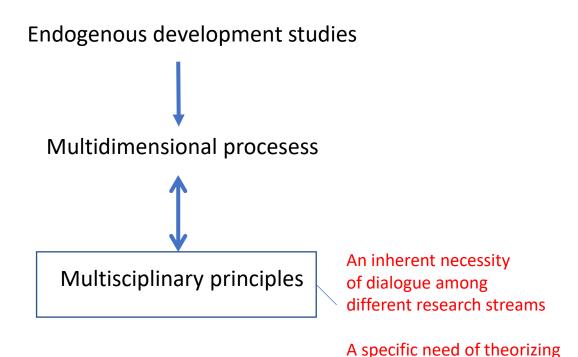


Figure 1. Different relational models of farm

A comment: please do not scare yourself, «nothing practical as a good theory…»





A generative turn

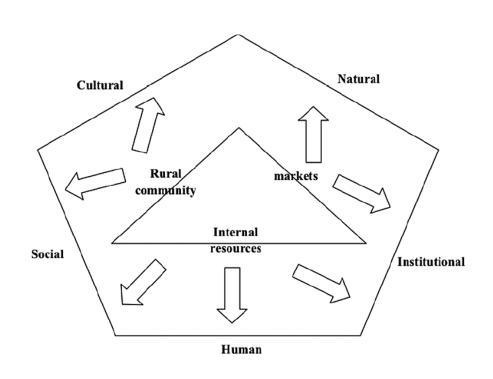
A generative turn

 Understanding the rural space (and economy) as emerging from the interaction between biological subsystem and socio-technical subsystem

«The agricolture is the socio-technical system which connects nature and society»

• The new central concept: *network*

Locality again: the territorial capital



Specific reources available in a place

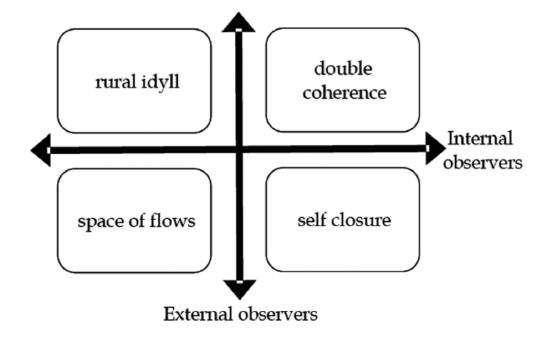
Public good

Community

(increasin role of Sociology)

Theory and taxonomy (2)

- Industrial decentralization
 - Inward and outward migration flows
 - Globalization of the agri-food system
 - Agricultural crises as crises of productivims and modernization
 - Changes in the employment patterns
 - Change in consumers attitude



Contributing to the definition a research program: along the frontier(s)

 How to conceptualize rural space capturing its specifity and dynamics?

 How to understand the comprehensive role of «institutions» in farming an rural economy?

