



Field-Configuring Events: Time, Space and Relations

3rd Meeting of the Research Network

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from the series „Sonic Sculptures“; here: Miles Davies, Pharaohs Dance

Agenda Tuesday

- > 9.00 - 10.30 Introduction
- > 10.30 - 11.00 *Coffee Break*
- > 11.00 - 12.30 First Keynote: Joseph Lampel
- > 12.30 - 13.30 *Lunch*
- > 13.30 - 14.30 Presentation: FCEs and Trust-Building in Networks
- > 14.30 - 15.30 Presentation of Project Ideas: FCEs in Urban Regions
- > 15.30 - 16.00 *Coffee Break*
- > 16.00 - 18.00 *Social Event: Guided Tour*
- > 18.00 – 20.00 Second Keynote: Amalya Oliver and Joseph Lampel
- > 20.00 *Dinner at Restaurant Chalet Suisse*

Agenda Wednesday

- > 09.30 - 11.00 Joint Discussion: Methodological Opportunities in the Study of FCEs
- > 11.00 - 11.30 *Coffee Break*
- > 11.30 – 12.30 Joint Discussion: Temporal Boundedness and Interactional Openness of FCEs
- > 12.30 – 13.30 *Lunch*

Why are we here?

- > „Scientific Networks“ are a program of the German Research Foundation (DFG) with the aims to
 - > “offer young researchers the opportunity to engage in scientific exchange and cooperation on topics of common interest” and
 - > “strengthen the ties to the international research community”.
- > Various (partly joint) research projects on FCEs by members of the network and previous workshops, e.g. with Joe Lampel at FU
- > Different disciplines interested in the same phenomenon
- > Previous very positive experience with such a network > Gordon’s idea to apply for funding for a network on FCEs!

Aims of this research network

Different disciplines are interested in “events” and their role in wider organizational fields. Using the concept of field-configuring events (FCE) as a hook, we aim to...

- > Develop the **conceptual** foundation of FCEs and their impact on organizations and organizational fields through interdisciplinary exchange, e.g. by comparing different types of events in different field contexts, discussing processes and mechanisms of field configuration, exploring new types of events
- > Explore different (and new) ways of researching FCE **methodologically**
- > Share, discuss and develop our research on FCE **personally**

Guiding themes for our discussions

Time

- Which temporal dimensions are relevant for distinguishing different types of FCE with different (short-term, long-term) outcomes or effects?
- How can the temporality (temporal limitation, singular or periodic occurrence, etc.) of FCE be empirically examined and methodologically used?

Space

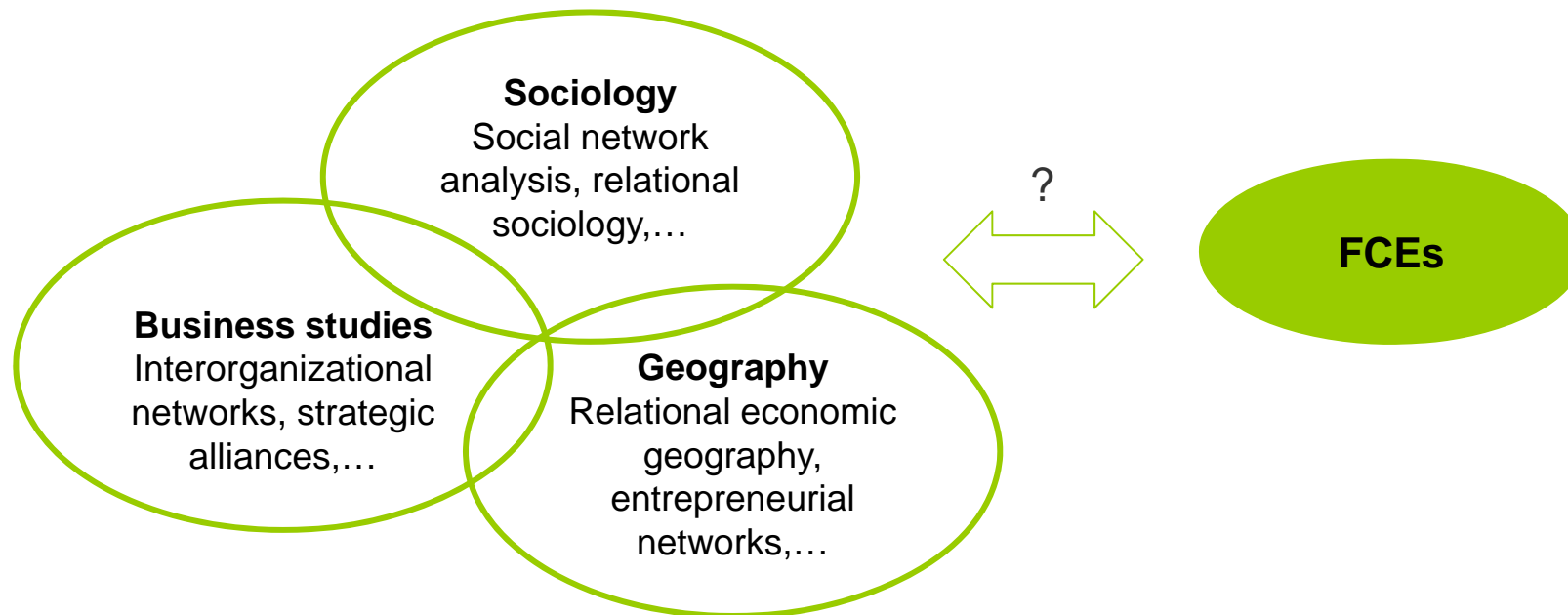
- How are FCE spatially positioned and designed? Which spatial aspects influence the outcomes/effects of FCE?
- How can the spatial boundedness of FCE be used methodologically and, at the same time, how can their „unbounded“ effects be empirically examined?

Relations

- What are the relational effects of single FCE and how do these outlive the events? How do different events interact in producing relational effects?
- How can social network analysis or similar research methods be applied to examine which relational effects of FCE?

Introducing networks members

- Different disciplinary perspectives on „relations“
- Main research interest regarding relations and FCEs?



Open questions regarding FCEs and relations

- > On which levels of analysis are relations formed, maintained, or disrupted through FCEs?
 - > Individual
 - > Interorganizational
 - > Field
- > Embeddedness of events
 - > How are events related to each other?
 - > Relationship event-field?
- > Dynamics and outcomes of FCEs – the foundational role of relational aspects
 - > Relational foundations of „predictable unpredictability“ (Lampel, 2011)
 - > „Interactional openness“ – when, how, to what effect?
 - > ...
- > The relational effects of FCEs
 - > Which kinds of relations (trust, competing positions,...) are fostered by which kinds of FCEs?
 - > What is the role of event organizers – brokers, gatekeepers,...?
 - > Intended vs. unintended effects?
 - > ...