



Field-Configuring Events: Time, Space and Relations

4th Meeting of the Research Network

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

Agenda Tuesday

- > **09.45 - 11.15** Introduction
- > **11.15 - 11.45** *Coffee Break*
- > **11.45 - 13.00** First Keynote: Mary Ann Glynn
- > **13.00 - 14.00** *Lunch*
- > **14.00 - 15.00** *Campus Tour*
- > **15.00 - 15.30** Presentation: Design Thinking
- > **15.30 - 16.00** *Coffe Break*
- > **16.00 - 18.00** Design Thinking exercise
- > **19.30 - open** Dinner and Social Event

Agenda Wednesday

- > **09.45 - 11.00** Second Keynote: Jesper Strandgaard Pedersen
- > **11.00 - 11.45** Presentation: Temporary presence or absence
- > **11.45 - 12.15** *Coffee Break*
- > **12.15 - 13:00** Presentation and Discussion
- > **13.00 - 13.45** *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

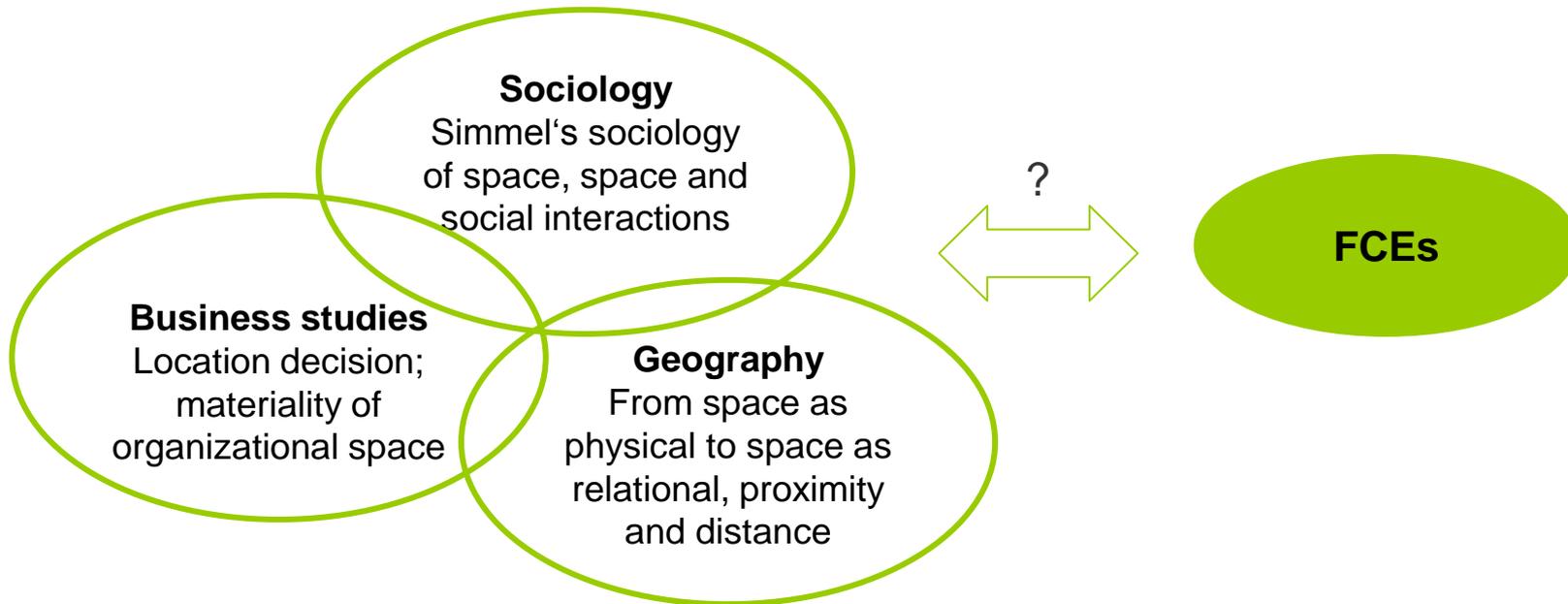
- How are FCE spatially positioned and designed? Which spatial aspects influence the outcomes/effects of FCE?
- How can the spatial boundedness of FCE be used methodologically and, at the same time, how can their „unbounded“ effects be empirically examined?

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 network members

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



Open questions regarding FCEs and space

- > The spatial embeddedness of FCEs
 - > How does the event location (e.g. city vs. remote place) influence event dynamics?
 - > How do FCEs influence the (geographic and relational) space around them?
 - > Do the dynamics at space-persistent FCEs differ from space-changing FCEs?
 - > How do spatial factors influence event organizing?
- > The spatial boundedness of events
 - > How open or closed/inclusive or exclusive are FCEs in different contexts and to what effect?
 - > What is the relationship between spatial proximity during FCEs and distance after FCEs?
 - > Which FCEs as „spaces of control“ and which are „spaces for envisioning“ and why?
- > The spatial structure of FCEs
 - > How do event architectures influence event dynamics?
 - > How are event spaces constituted and by whom?
 - > What are the spatial scales at which FCEs unfold?
 - > What are the perceived, conceived and lived spaces of FCEs?
- > Studying FCEs and space
 - > How can localized dynamics during events be linked to distant effects on the field level?
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