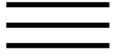


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Abstract

This paper develops the concept of *production system* for understanding and comparing some of the success stories of regional development in recent years, and for comparing their developmental tendencies. The production system has an input-output structure (a set of units of production of different sizes linked together), a structure of governance (authority and power) and a territoriality (whether it is dispersed or territorially concentrated).



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