Globalism,Regionalism,and the New Economic Geography

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Three Forces Drive Economic Activities Worldwide

- Globalization of economic activity
- Increasing importance of regional/local processes as the source of innovation, new business ideas, and practices
- Advent of the knowledge-based economy

Globalism fosters Localism

Globalism is depends on comparative advantage and specialization

Specialization occurs at the local level in economic clusters

Specialization is fostered by a favorable local Habitat

The Welch Paradigm

In 1987, Jack Welch, Chairman of General Electric said:

"The winners in these global games will be those who can put together the world's best in design,manufacturing, research,execution,and marketing on the largest scale. Rarely are all of these elements found in one country or on one continent."

Welch, J.F. Jr. "Evolving Industrial Alliances", The Bridge, 1987, 17(4), p.10

Competitive Advantage is Local

"...enduring competitive advantages in a global economy lie increasingly in local things knowledge, relationships, motivation - that distant rivals cannot match."

- Michael Porter, Harvard Business Review, Nov-Dec 1998

Economic Geography

The Old Economic Geography Natural resources—endowed assets

The New Economic Geography

Created assets-educated workforce ,research, intellectual property,business infrastructure, physical infrastructure

The Silicon Valley Edge: A Habitat for Innovation and Entrepreneurship



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Stanford Project on Regions of Innovation and Entrepreneurship

Research Initiatives

- Regions
- National policy and institutions
- Incubation
- Benchmarks

Regions in these Countries

- United States
- China
- Taiwan
- Singapore
- Korea
- Japan
- India



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Three Ways to Get Growth

- Improving Factor Inputs
- Action:Increase amounts and quality of labor and capital --
- **T**rade and Comparative Advantage
- Action:Reduce import substitution rules and increase exports--- Result:Increase of world market share of products and increase in GDP
- Innovation and Entrepreneurship
- Entrepreneurship--- Result:Increase in new business
 Formation both within companies and of new companies

Entrepreneurship and Growth

Entrepreneurship, ie new company formation, contributes significantly to growth in GDP, although the effects are long term

Boom – Bust - Build

Entrepreneurial regions will be more subject to boom and bust cycles, but each new wave leads the region to higher levels than before the boom.

Technology Bubbles

Technology bubbles are not new

Technology Speculation

Speculation marches on

Market peaks that coincided with technology breakthroughs. Annual average prices for U.S. stocks, 1785-2002.



Recent Employment History as a Measure in Silicon Valley



Boom-Bust-Build (B³)

Disruptive technologies or business models

Arbitraging the disrupted markets

Boom and Bust episodes are both inevitable and necessary

Historical Boom and Bust

- "The overshooting in the venture capital market in 1999-2000 is an all-too-familiar pattern."
 - "Each boom in fundraising sparks too-rapid growth and tempts investors to take extreme risks. Eventually returns suffer, which in turn triggers a decline in funds raised. Then the cycle begins all over again."

Paul A. Gompers and Josh Lerner, "The Money of Invention", Harvard Business School Press, 2001, p.117



igure 2: Venture capital fundraising by year, 1969-2001. The figure is based on unpublished Asset Alternatives and Venture Economics datab

Figure 3: Returns to venture capital investments, 1974-2001. The figure is based on an unpublished Venture Economics database.



Venture Capital Investments

Venture Capital investments in US, \$ billions USD Source: The Money Tree

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
1998	3.0	3.8	3.9	4.1	
1999	4.9	8.6	8.7	15.5	
2000	18.4	18.0	16.1	13.1	
2001	10.1	8.2	7.0	7.2	
2002	6.2	5.7			

Conclusions from the SV Study

Summary of Key Features

Features of an Entrepreneurial Habitat

• Favorable "Rules of the Game"

- Strong value-added business services
- Free flow of capital to most effective uses
- Free flow of people to best application of talent
- Free flow of ideas to enhance collective learning
- Global linkages to other industrial clusters

The High-Tech Habitat: Value-Added Support





This Habitat is in position to capitalize on new opportunities.

So, where are the new opportunities?

New Waves of Innovation are Coming

 Deepening of information and communications technologies (mobile Internet, productivity tools, social applications)

- Convergence of biotechnology and information technologies (bioinformatics, biochips, biomaterials)
- Commercialization of nanotechnologies (nanochips, smart materials, micromachines)

Applications of Converging Technologies



Increased Pace of Technological Innovation

Patent applications have soared, by US inventors as well as by foreign inventors.

This suggests a fundamental shift in the pace of innovation.

The Asia Silicon Valley Connection

Global Networks Transnational Companies The Israel connection The India-China connection Growing Korean connection International Venture Capital