

Induction of Innovation (Districts) in (Spatial) Planning and Policy

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Abstract : Technological innovation is important for economic and spatial rejuvenation. Innovation districts from the last decades around university towns offer interesting examples. Planning directs the interplay between economic and urban development in these innovation districts that appear in particular regions with economic benefits as a result of incentives to attract multinational industries in innovation centres, research parks, universities, bio incubator assets, etc. The inclination of the OECD towards developing entrepreneurship and innovation to harness a boost in growth requires sustainable living conditions. This research aims to understand 'how innovation or knowledge centres affected development policies and helped cities to become a high-tech region?' Therefore, the economic policies of cities are investigated as well as the location logic of centres and their intertwining with supporting services (health, education, living environment, etc.). Case studies (Eindhoven (The Netherlands) and Ho Chi Minh City (Viet Nam)) position Pune (India) in terms of the planning components of innovation.

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