

This eventuates that one of the main task of the researcher in the operationalization process of the notion of sustainability is to introduce trade-offs and value judgments behind the relating operationalization choices and measurement tools. It becomes especially important if environmental economists and ecological economists do not want to commit the same faults (reductionism) which they criticize in mainstream textbook economics.

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University-Industry Relations: a case study of the Oxford University

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An increasingly important function of universities is transferring knowledge not only through teaching but also through industrial connections. This is the much emphasised third mission of universities. This paper will first give an overview of the literature of the diverse aspects of the university-industry relationships, and how these aspects are treated theoretically. Second, through a case study of the Oxford University it will give a good example how university-industry relations can be successfully managed in practice.

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Effects of the regional networks in development of SMEs

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During the past decades in the developed countries the dynamism of the SME sphere was the main actors of the economic development, and in the coming years in the Hungarian economy this firm group will give the engine for the growth as well. So, the basic interest of the Hungarian society is to create all conditions of the rapid increase of SME's performance. In Hungary however, in spite of the realisation of many economic researches about the topic, among the spatial experts only seems to be well known, that the inter-firm relations influence also the dynamism of SMEs. Because of this in my presentation I will analyse the opportunity and problems of this relations, in order to initiate an inter-disciplinarian exchange of views of the conference participants.

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