

Forever Torn Apart ? Scientific landscapes around similar objects studied from Economics and Geography perspectives

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Understanding Science in a perspectivist approach Giere (2010), it is natural and necessary that disciplines or fields propose very different *perspectives* on real world objects. The yet-to-explore border regions at the interface, in which interdisciplinarity draws most of its strengths, are however not well understood in terms of processes of knowledge production such as domains cross-fertilisation, but also not necessarily the object of consensus for research policies. We propose to explore these issues on the particular case of Economics and Geography, between which bridges seem difficult to build in the current state of disciplines. We take a Quantitative Epistemology approach, more precisely by combining citation network analysis with text-mining and semantic network analysis, using methods and tools developed in Raimbault (2016) to reconstruct what can be seen as a *scientific landscape*. As these are quite sensitive to context and choices to be made in exogenous delimitation of studied corpus, and as generality is not the best way to tackle epistemological questions, we choose to work on two case studies of objects that have been extensively studied from both perspectives : Relations between Network and Territories, and Urban Growth. We constitute for each an initial corpus of key references in both disciplines, from which the backward citation network at depth two is reconstructed. We then collect abstracts for a significant proportion of nodes, extract relevant keywords, and couple the citation network with a semantic network which communities for example define endogenous research domains.

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