

Urban governance for innovative practices

The theoretical case of Amsterdam and Antwerp

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City = representation of social, cultural and economic capital

Places of production and consumption

Scenes of opportunity and inequality

Havens of habitual behaviour and acts of creativity

City = set of inherited social mechanisms

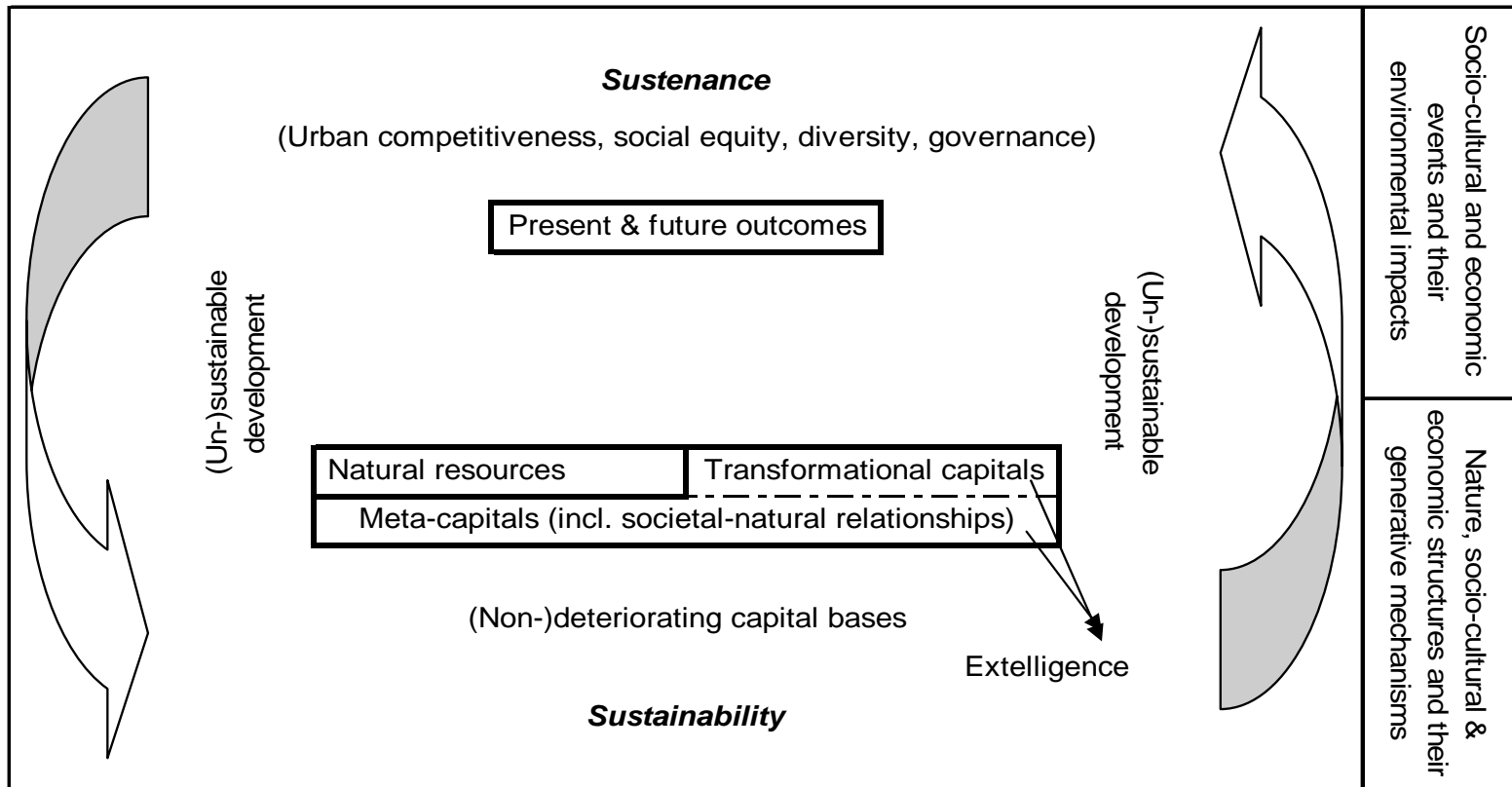


Influencing current human practices

Special application

**A city through its social and historical nature enables or
constrains the introduction of innovative agential practices
and practices of good governance**

Figure 1: Inputs, throughput processes and outputs within interdependent ecosystems



Source: Adaptation from numerous sources by the author

Extelligence is:

- the sum (stock) of all forms of human capital bases (present and past)**
- the capacity (practice) to presently or in the future add to it or change it.**

Extelligence consist of:

- **Transformational capitals**
 - **tangible: e.g. urban infrastructure and productive facilities**
 - **intangible: e.g. financial and knowledge capitals**
- **Meta-capitals**
 - **relational capital**
 - **intelligence capital**
 - **identity capital**

Conceptual advantages to extelligence

- **Combines agency (individual intelligence) with structure**
- **Allows for creative and habitual agential behaviour**
- **Is an emergent (or evolutionary) phenomenon**
- **Is a non-teleological concept**
- **Allows for path dependent and contingent development**

Practical application of extelligence

- **Role of meta-capitals**
- **A foundation for governance**

Source of governance problems: the local composition and distribution of meta-capitals enables or constrains institutionalisation of good governance (resulting e.g. in growth and competitiveness, social equity, and sustainability)

- **Amsterdam and Antwerp**

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