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Summary

This paper proposes a descriptive institutional model of the development process which takes account of the complexity of the events and agencies involved in the process and the diversity of forms the process may take under different conditions. The model involves four levels, (i) a description of the events which constitute the process, and the agencies which undertake them, (ii) identification of the roles played in the process and the power relations between them, (iii) an assessment of the strategies and interests which shape these roles, and the way these are shaped by resources, rules and ideas, and (iv) the relation between these resources, rules and ideas and the wider society. The model is illustrated drawing on a case study of urban redevelopment in Tyneside, which presents a number of unusual features which serve to test the range of the model.

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