



## **Organizational reproduction in industrial districts: something more than just spinoffs**

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What are the main mechanisms driving the process of industry clustering? Research has produced an unresolved tension between two different perspectives: the roles played by (i) agglomeration economies, and (ii) knowledge legacies passed on from parents to spawns or spinoffs. Using qualitative interviews and archival data analysis, this paper tracks the evolution of the ceramic tile cluster of Castellon (Spain) since its inception in 1727. The results show the influences over time of certain key agglomeration mechanisms. The overall conclusion is that the spatial concentration of an industry can be attributed to the benefits of agglomeration in combination with the influence of spinoffs, in a complementary and synergistic process. Results suggest that the Klepper model alone is incomplete.