

REGIONAL GOVERNANCE IN THE PERIPHERY

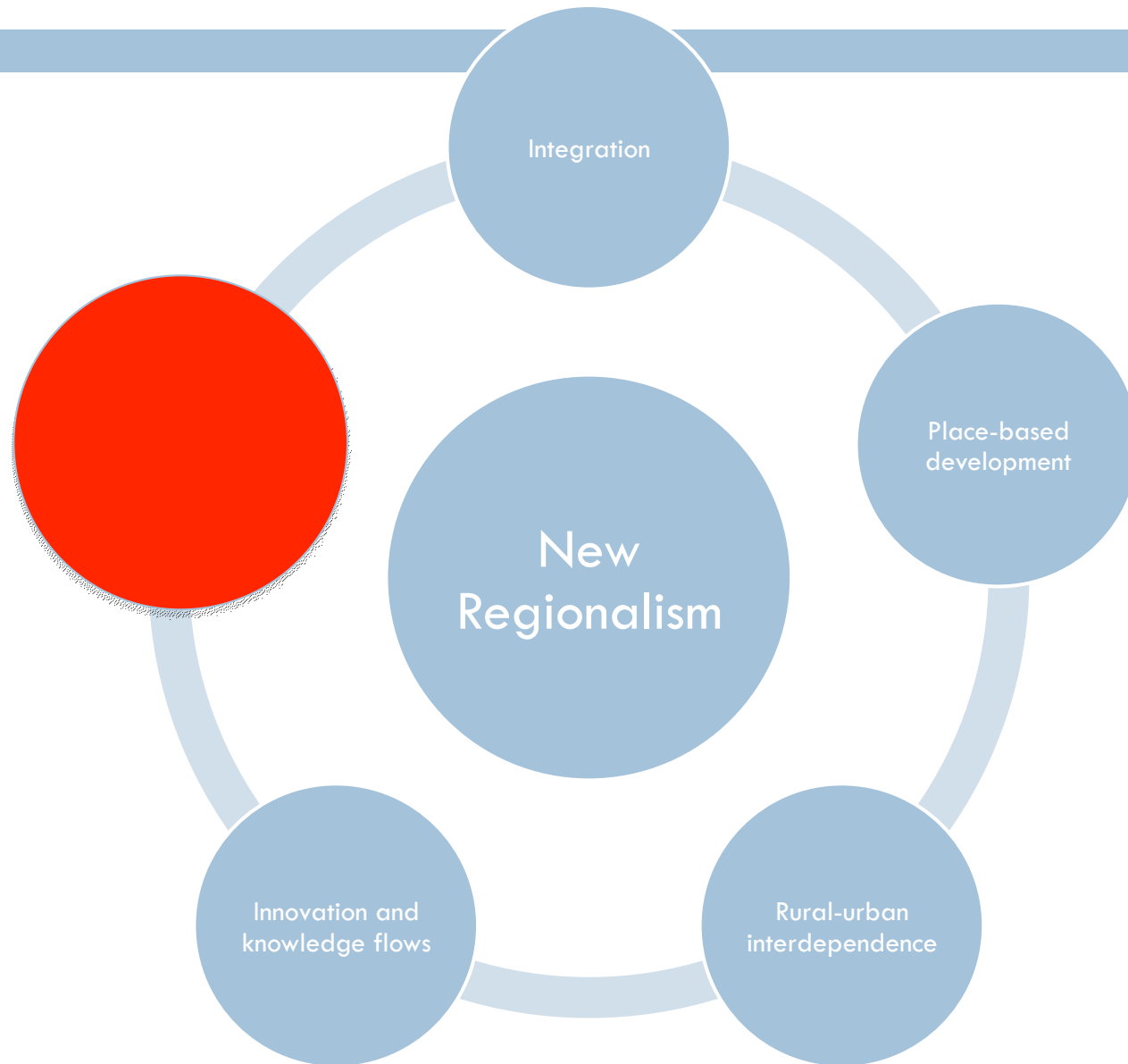
LESSONS FOR RURAL AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT
POLICY AND PRACTICE

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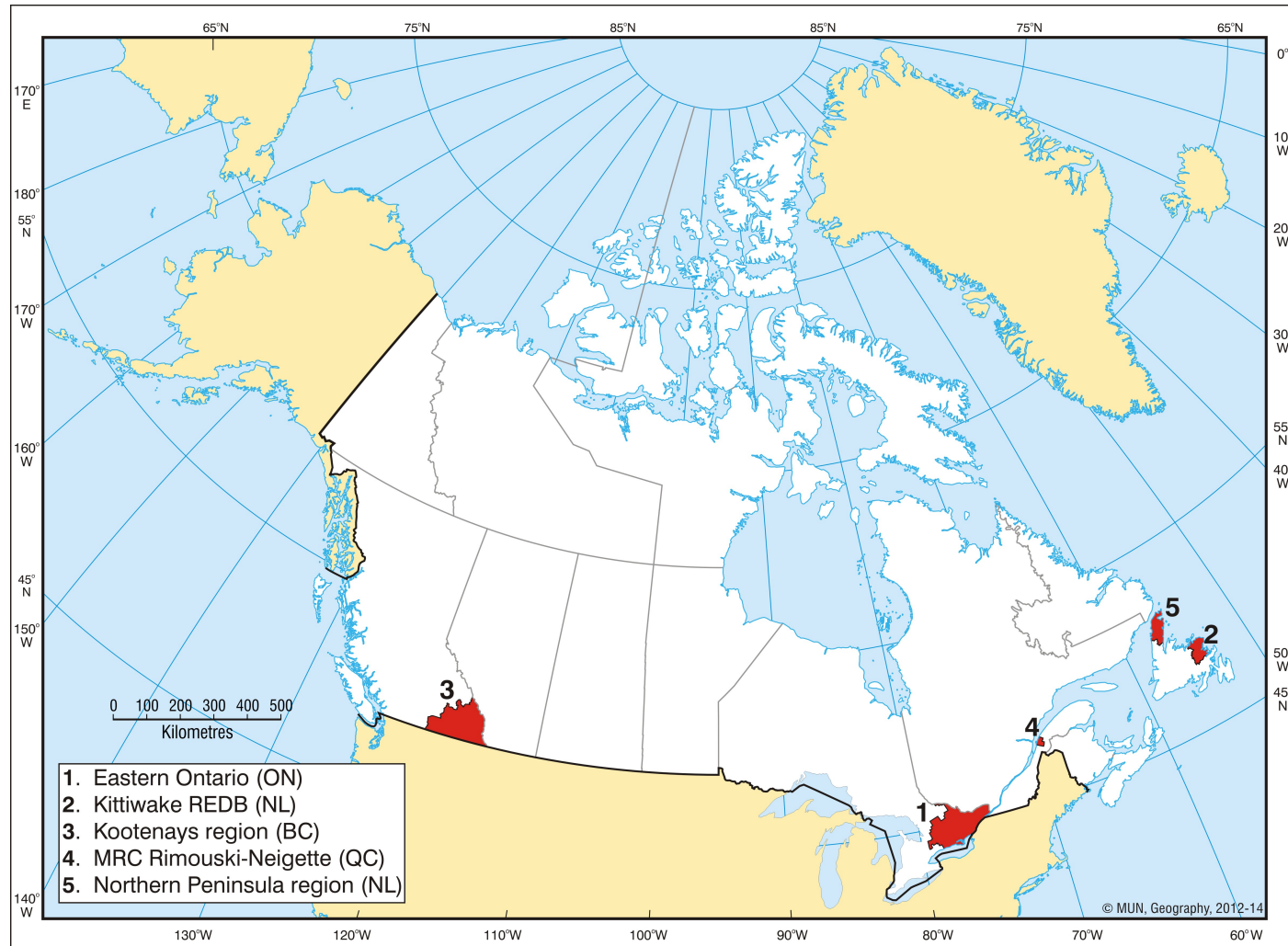
Project Introduction

- Re-emergence of the 'region'
 - ▣ New Regionalism
- Key project goals
 - ▣ Critical assessment of new regionalism in Canada
 - ▣ Examine Canadian innovations in regional development
 - ▣ Enhance understanding of how innovations evolve and if shared across networks

New Regionalism



Case Study Descriptions



Investment Mentality

- Post-WWII period of massive rural infrastructure *investment* (both social and economic)
- Post-1980s economic and political restructuring views rural development as an *expense*
 - ... massive infrastructure deficit
- New regionalism offers measured practices to renovate an investment approach to rural development

Three Key Emerging Themes

- Resistance in the shift to governance
- Resource reinvestment
- Harnessing networks and partnerships



Resistance in the Shift to Governance

- Has there been a shift of governance to local/levels?
- Northern Peninsula Regional Collaboration Pilot Initiative
- Regional Economic Development Boards



Regional
Economic
Development
Boards

Resource Reinvestments

- Difference models of sharing
- Varying levels of resource control

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Harnessing Networks and Partnerships

- Most networks are informal
- Institutionalized networks are required
- Indian Bay Ecosystem Corporation



Implications

- Implications for Policy Makers
 - ▣ Good models of regional governance exist
 - ▣ What are the measures of 'good' investments in regional governance?
 - ▣ Picking 'low hanging fruit'
 - ▣ Building/strengthening regional institutions is an investment

- Implications for Communities

- Who is the voice of region?
- Recognition that time is an investment

- Implications for Researchers

- What is the research agenda for governance?
- How do demonstrate benefits to decision makers
- How to 'scale up' governance pilots?

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