



DEMOLOGOS: the Logos of Democracy and Development

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Background and context

Dissatisfaction with the way many analysts and observers explain socio-economic development:

- Reduction of explanation of development to competition and reproduction of different types of capital
- Commodification of social relations, especially relations of human development: human progress “for sale”
- A disequilibrated representation of ‘the State of people in the world’, and where they are going...
- Anemia in development analysis: Misreading of historical analysis (linearity, recursion, functional reading of agency and institutions)
- Spatial scales as ‘Russian dolls’ (no articulation)
- Consequences for policy design

Ambitions of DEMOLOGOS

DEMOLOGOS had four ambitions:

- To analyse and construct a preliminary taxonomy of socio-economic development models in the (industrialised) world, by combining four spatial levels of accumulation and regulation: the local, the regional, the national, and the international;
- To develop a broader view of institutional change by examining and comparing the role of culture and institutions beyond state and market in socio-economic development;
- To integrate elements of positivist development path analysis into a methodological approach combining historical, holistic and anthropological perspectives;
- To share this new approach with peer groups in both the academic and the public policy domains.

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Objectives

- In a more focused way, the general objective of DEMOLOGOS has been to substantially improve the methodology for analysing the development of socio-economic systems at various spatial levels, within the global industrialised world as a whole.
- To achieve this objective 5 operational goals were pursued:

Objectives – continued...

1. To provide a survey of theories of socio-economic development of/in industrialized economies (WP1.1);
2. To critically evaluate the explanatory power of these theories, mirroring them against features of socio-economic development trajectories and systems (WP1.2);
3. To develop a (meta) theoretical framework for analysing socio-economic development in its institutional, historical and territorial dynamics by using contemporary institutional debates as a synthesising a device (WP2);
4. To develop a methodology capable of validating the new synthesis for researching multi-scalar case-studies (WP3);
5. To make a test of the meta-theoretical framework and the methodology through 8 case-studies of socio-economic development at articulated spatial levels – from local to global (WP4).

Methodology

The five work-packages...

WP1	ABC papers	Survey by themes – critical analysis
WP2	Meta-theoretical framework: → Thematic Synthesis Papers	Transversal readings of ABC papers – synthesis of syntheses
WP3	Case-study methodology	Session 3
WP4	Case study analysis	Sessions 4 and 5: PRD, London, Reggio Calabria, Chicago
WP5!	Alternative observatory	Session 6: Extra to EC!

Dimensions of socio-economic development

Economic	Political	Social
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Role of capital accumulation;- Organization of production technology and other factors of production;- Markets and trade relations;- Relationships between financial production and consumption economy;- Survival infrastructure/ economic reproduction of people; housing, amenities, urban infrastructure etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- State building and destruction;- Political regimes;- Transitions between political systems;- Community, authority and control systems;- State regulation;- Role of policies (various types and domains)- Strategies for growth, development and cohesion- Administrative and planning systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Group and class building and disintegration;- Social exclusion and integration;- Social dimensions of migration and commuting patterns;- Human development features; education, social security and services.

Dimensions of socio-economic development contd.

Social-cultural	Institutional dynamics	Articulation between various spatial scales
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Philosophical, ideological and artistic movements; - Development of social networks of various kind (social capital); - Paradigm shifts in science, technology and culture; - Culture as battlefield for identity building and social change – also connected to socio-political explanations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Role of state; - Multilevel governance; - Structure – Institutions - Agency; - Informality... - Grassroots organizations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regionalization processes; - Local production systems within wider spatial structures; - Networks of cities - Urban hierarchies.

Or, from the perspective of development dynamics...

Themes	Special DEMOLOGOS concerns
Economic ontologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- What is the economy?- Is it self contained?- The economic and the extra-economic- Limits of the market- Fetishism of economic categories – foundations of economic discourse- 'Values': what to develop and to which purpose?
Spatial scales	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Uneven development – Inequality in development, power relations
Democracy and authoritarianism	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Democracy and power (market = democracy)

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Crisis and crisis mechanisms/patterns	Crisis of growth, Crisis of development?
Development and development views	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ideology, discourse, paradigm; - Development itself; - Environment, sustainable development has replaced uneven development as collective action – Environmental crisis is biggest challenge to the “equilibrium thought” of orthodox economics.
Competition, competitiveness vs. equality, inclusion vs. exclusion	Social (class) structure and power relations and their effects on accumulation and government (state on different scales) – Competitiveness as a discourse, as embodied in mainstream economic imaginaries
Articulation of sub-systems	Become more concrete re. connection of spatial scales

WP1 Methodology: ABC papers

Four analytical axes run through ABC Papers:

- **AXIS 1: *What is the economy?*** What is relevant to the economy, i.e., the extra-economic conditions for economic performance? And how do these extra-economic factors and mechanisms shape the operational dynamics of the economy? What is economically conditioned and what are the mechanisms of economic determination – especially in relation to politics, civil society, culture?
- **AXIS 2: *Critique of (neo-)liberalism:***
 - Economics, politics
 - Internal consistencies/contradictions
 - Impossible utopia
 - Tunnel vision
 - Colonizing/hegemonic

WP1 Methodology: ABC papers

- ***AXIS 3 Historical embedding of theories and approaches – recapturing what has been lost, hegemonies and exclusions***
 - Rise and demise of theories
 - “Synthesis”, re-interpretation of theories
 - Theories and historical-geographical dynamics (Hegemony, subsumption, marginalization)
 - Theories and historical praxis
- ***AXIS 4 Contemporary challenges: Key themes (scale, territory, institutions, governance, state)***
 - (Combined and) uneven development
 - Democracy/authoritarianism
 - Crisis/growth
 - Development vision (ideology and discourse)
 - Values

ABC papers available on <http://demologos.ncl.ac.uk/wp/wp1/disc.php>

WP2 Methodology:

Thematic Synthesis papers

Thematic 1	Agency, Structure, Institutions, Discourse (ASID Model)
Thematic 2	Capital-theoretical, class-theoretical and form-analytic approaches to the (il)logics of capital accumulation and the role of extra-economic factors and forces in socio-economic development
Thematic 3	Regulation, Reproduction, and Governance
Thematic 4	Culture, Discourse, Ideology and Hegemony (CDIH Approach)
Thematic 5	Dynamics and development - actual, real, utopia, alternatives. Politics of the possible. Knowledge, strategies, outcomes

WP2 Methodology:

Thematic Synthesis papers – template

- Introduction: why this thematic synthesis?
- Which dimensions of the socio-economic system are explained?
- Which analytical dimensions of DEMOLOGOS are addressed?
- Ontological and epistemological reflections
- Theorising the theme, using ABC papers
- Theoretical synthesis: building the bridge between the theme and DEMOLOGOS
- Towards an empirical methodology for analysing the theme within DEMOLOGOS

WP2 – sequel

- Synthesis of syntheses: Session 2, Bob Jessop (presented by Erik Swyngedouw)
- Case study methodology (WP3): Session 3, Andreas Novy and Flavia Martinelli

WP4 – List of case studies

Typology	Case Study	Country	Geo-region
<i>Transnational / transborder development</i>	Vienna	Austria	Europe
	Pearl River Delta	Hong Kong (SAR) and China	Asia
<i>Uneven regional development</i>	Southern Italy and Reggio Calabria	Italy	Europe
	Northeast England	UK	Europe
<i>Metropolitan restructuring</i>	Chicago	USA	North America
	Rome	Italy	Europe
<i>Global/local metropoles</i>	Brussels	Belgium	Europe
	London	UK	Europe

WP4 – case studies

the 4 – selected cases

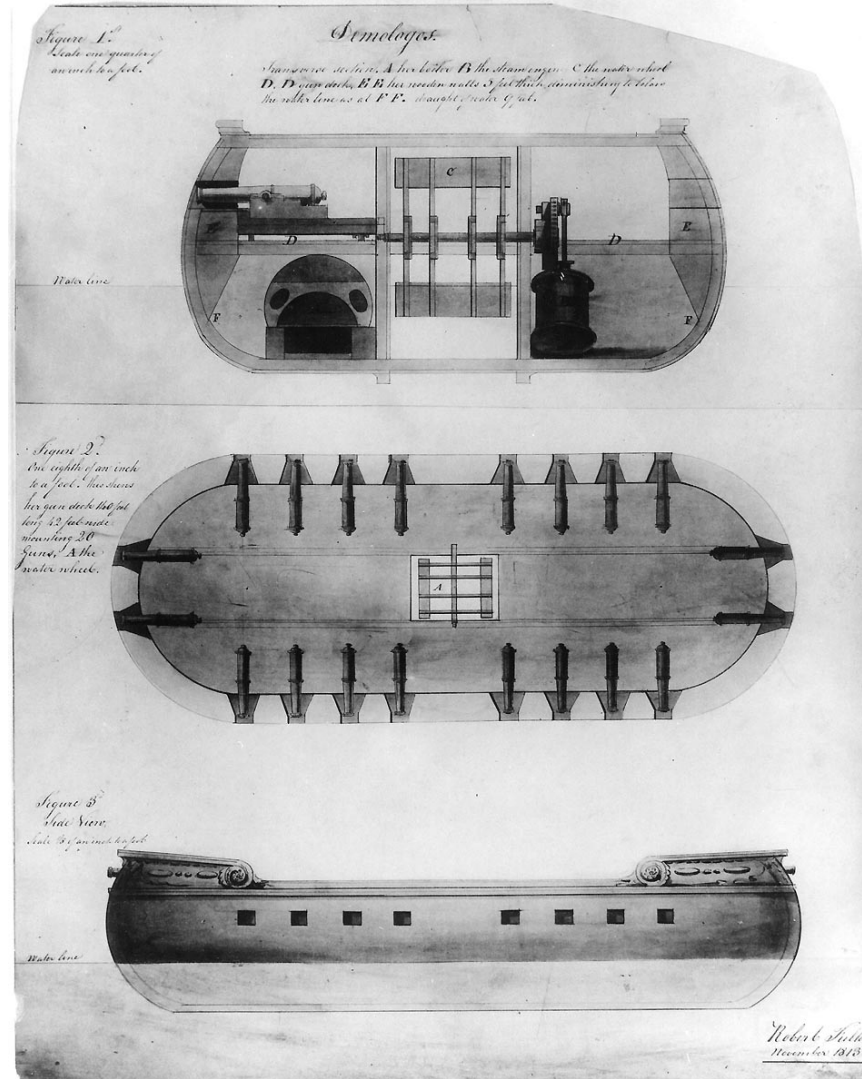
- Sessions 4 and 5
- Why we selected only four cases?

WP5! – *Alternative observatory...*

- Session 6
- Panel debate

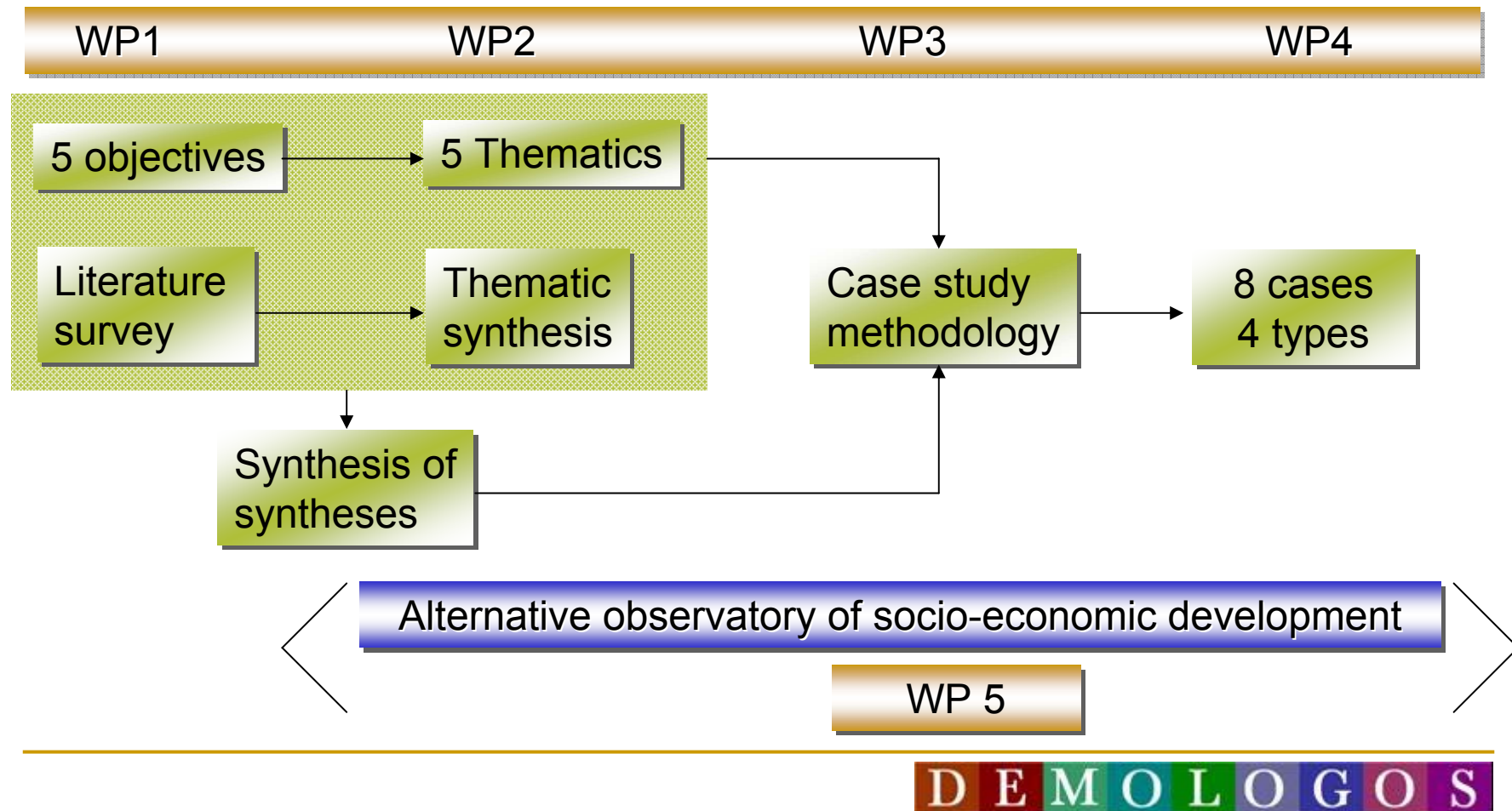
Fulton's 'Demologos' 1814

Photo # NH 61883 Plan of Robert Fulton's steam battery "Demologos", November 1813



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The DEMOLOGOS logic – an overview



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Retrospect / Prospect

Unfinished work:

- The methodological challenge in the analysis of scalar articulation in the case-studies.
- The study of Discourse as a process... mainstreaming and nourishing the oppressive hegemonic project overruling bottom-up socially creative initiatives.
- Counter hegemonic projects “Les chevaliers inexistantes”

Future priorities:

- Observing the past, co-designing the future (Alternative Observatory - Laboratories of Trans-disciplinarity)
- Comparability: overcoming the idiosyncrasy of individual approaches
- Institutional syntheses