



Lecture plan

- Creative industries and the New Labour
- Creative industries policy
- The creative sector in the UK
- TV production in the UK
- Creative clusters
- Case study: Brighton
- Pierre Bourdieu on cultural production

Creative industries and the New Labour

- By 1990 UK economy no longer driven by high-volume manufacturing
- Creativity seen as an untapped resource
- Promise of growth due to burgeoning new media sector
- Aim: "to create a nation where the creative talents of people are used to build a true enterprise economy for the 21st century where we compete on brains not brawn".
- Creative industries supply other sectors with creative inputs that increase innovation and productivity (Bakhshi *et al.*, 2013)
- A new alignment of arts and media policies with economic policies.

Creative industries policy

- From DNH to DCMS
- New classification: Creative Industries
- Creative Industries Task Force
- Regional Development Agencies (1998-2012 replaced by Local Enterprise Partnerships) and economic planning powers to local councils
- Establishment of **creative cities** (Leadbeater and Oakley, 1999)
- Focus on a artist-centred notion of creativity as the primary driver of cultural policy (responsibility to the individual)
- Business development framework: micro-business structured to achieve a public listing
- Strengthening of copyright protection

Problems

- Elevation of the traditional unstable work profile [of cultural workers] into an aspirational model (Ross, 2009)
- Romanticisation of cultural workers whose economic life is perilous (Lee, 2017: 1078-79)
- Corporate IP grab
- Pricing out creative people

Television production in the UK

- After 1981: Deregulation, growth of independents
- 1986: Suggested 40% quotas for independent commissions (BBC and ITV)
- 1990: Establishment of 25% quotas
- Early 2000s: IP rights incentives to independents
- Today: mergers and acquisitions, BBC studios, consolidation

Film production in the UK

- Similar trends with TV: from national institutions to market competition
- High risk industry
- Clustering (London and South East)
- Organisation in project networks
- Co-productions and tax credits

Creative clusters

- Creative economic activities tend to concentrate in geographical space
- Industrial clusters: "geographic concentrations of interconnected companies and institutions in a particular field" (Porter, 1998)
- Forces of concentration: scarce factors of production, historical accidents, policy.
- Cumulative causation (Myrdal, 1947)
- Urbanisation and localisation economies (Marshall, 1923; Lorenzen and Frederiksen, 2008)
- Localisation economies important for creative industries due to market ambiguity.