

Cities, Changing Governance, and the Future of Globalization

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A new global landscape

Governments are being re-defined by two competing trends :

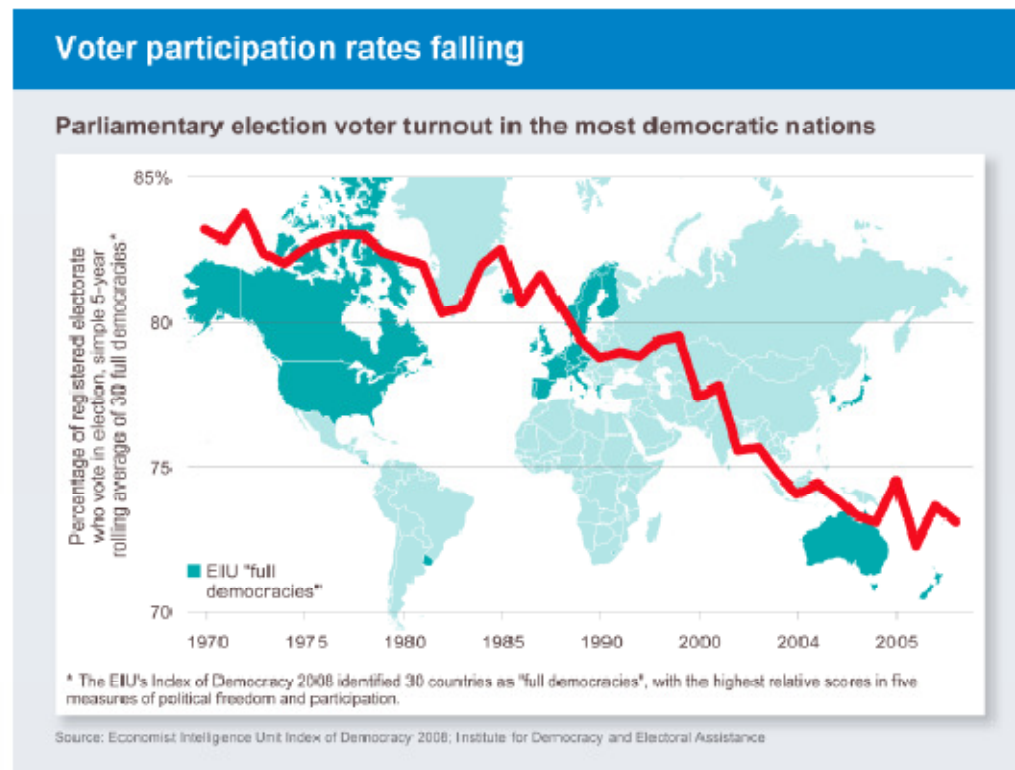
- the emergence of global issues such as climate change, and
- the growing ability of citizens to engage in policy debates, largely due to ubiquitous information networks.

In this context, the three levels of government (local, national, inter-national) are facing unprecedented challenges :

- Worldwide, cities are emerging as new hubs for innovation, and global competitors for talents and investment.
- What are the consequences of such trends for nation-states, cities and business ?
- Who is winning the battle for city-based global leadership ?
- What is the role of environment concerns in this new world ?

Government under threat

- How do citizens engage/dis-engage in policy debates, and how do their behaviours differ at the local/city, national and 'global' levels, e.g. on issues such as climate change ?

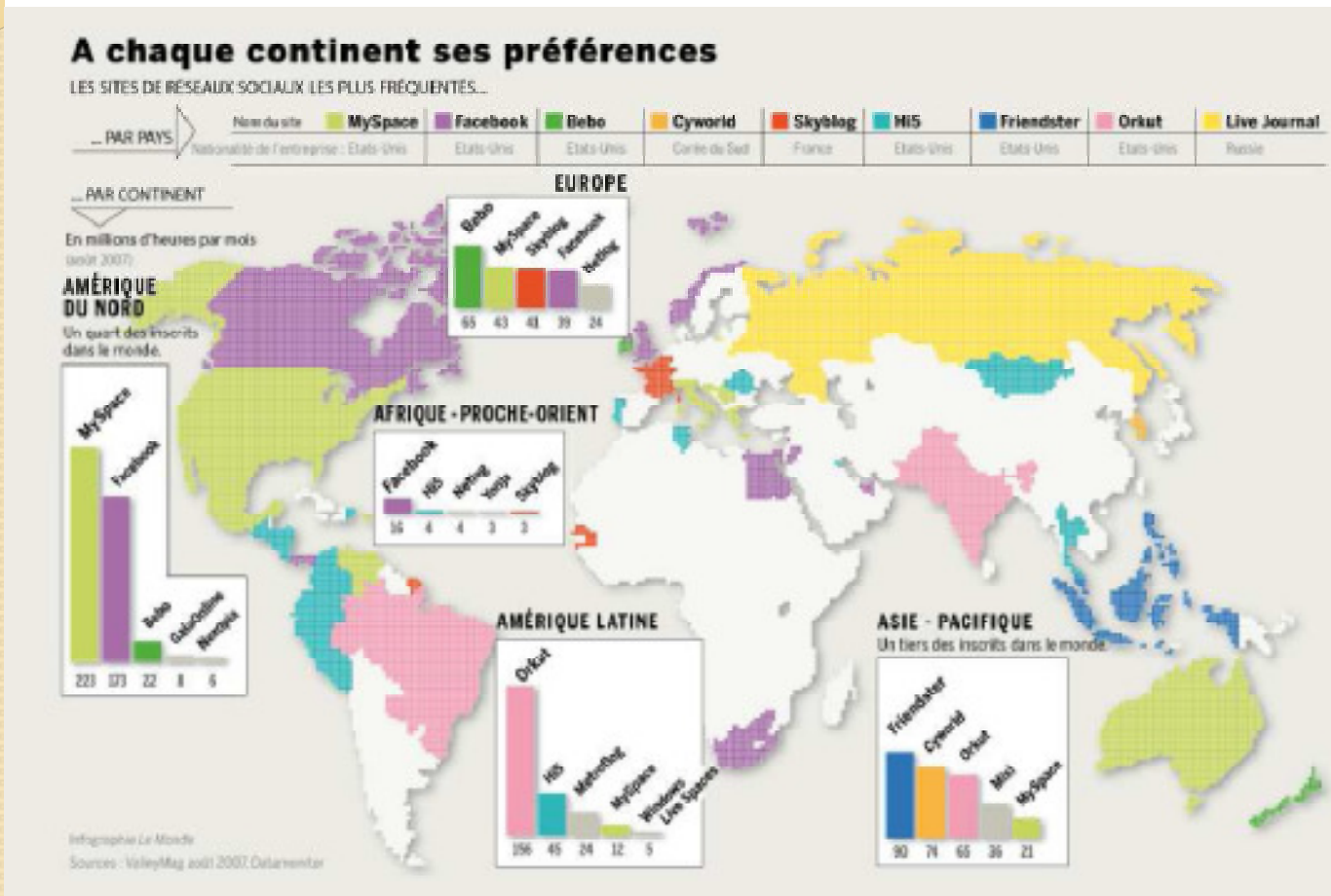


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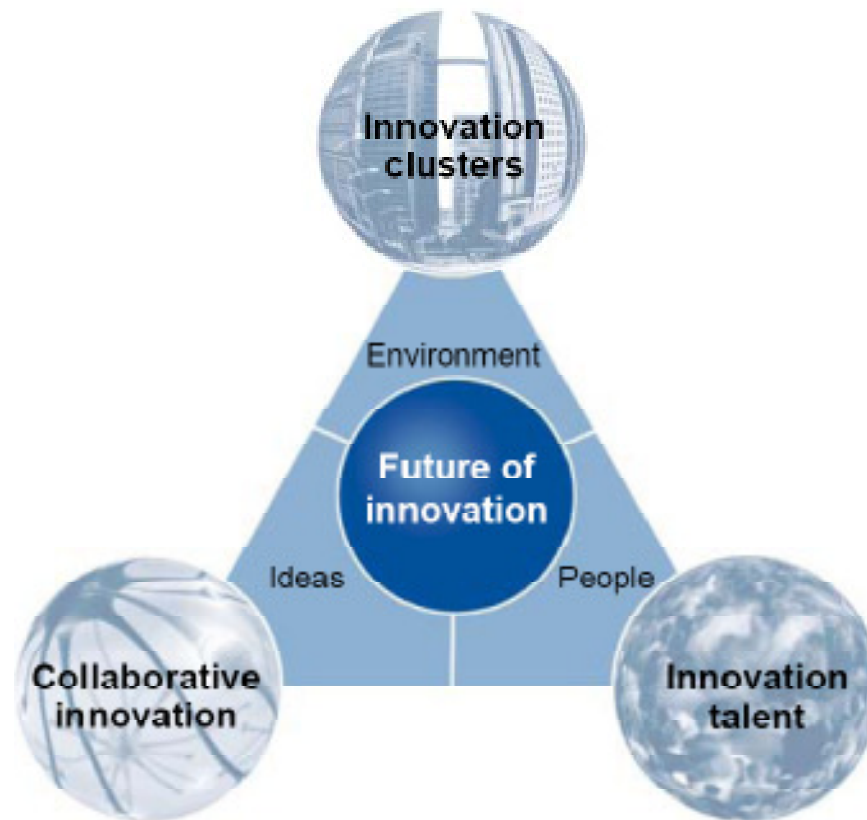
Networks & Competition 2.0

- How do information networks, and especially Web 2.0-based tools (Facebook, Twitter e.g.) change government ?



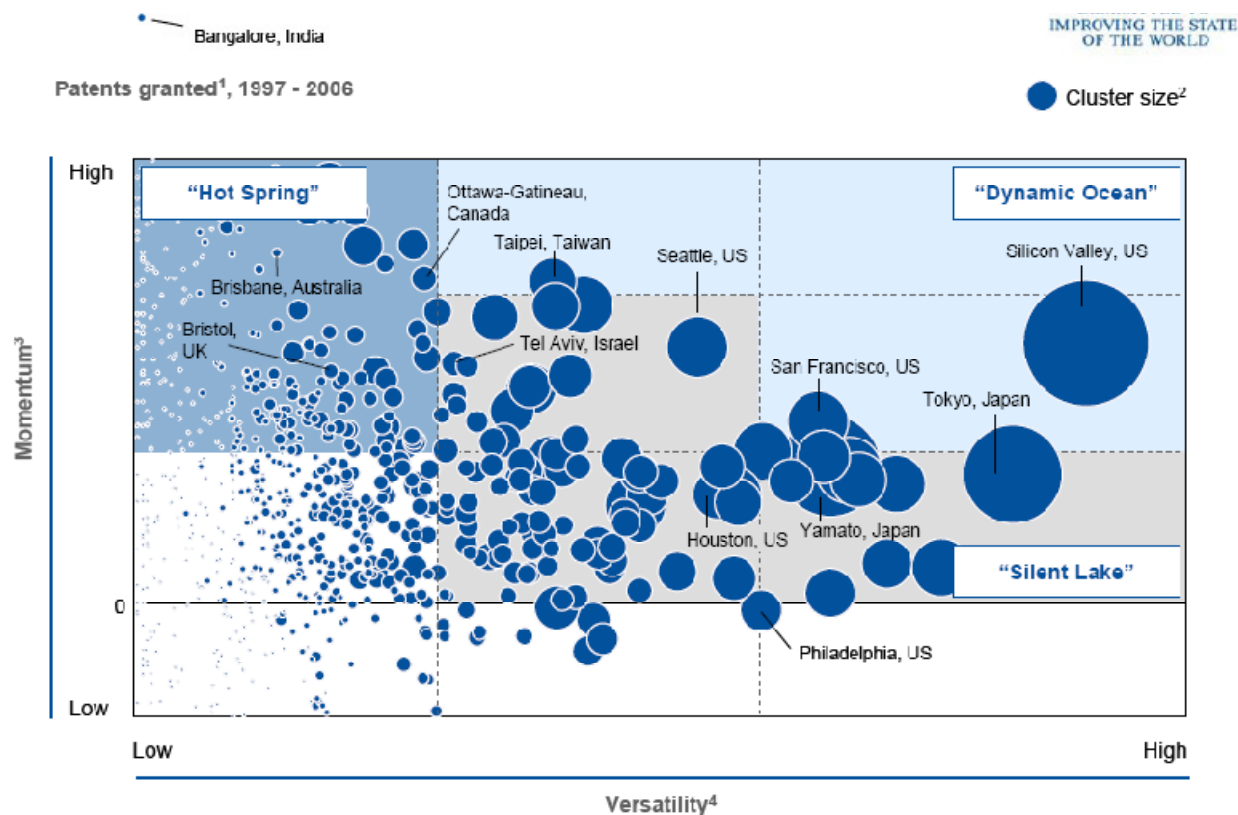
Innovation Global Hubs

- Why and how are cities emerging as new hubs for innovation, and global competitors for talents and investment ?



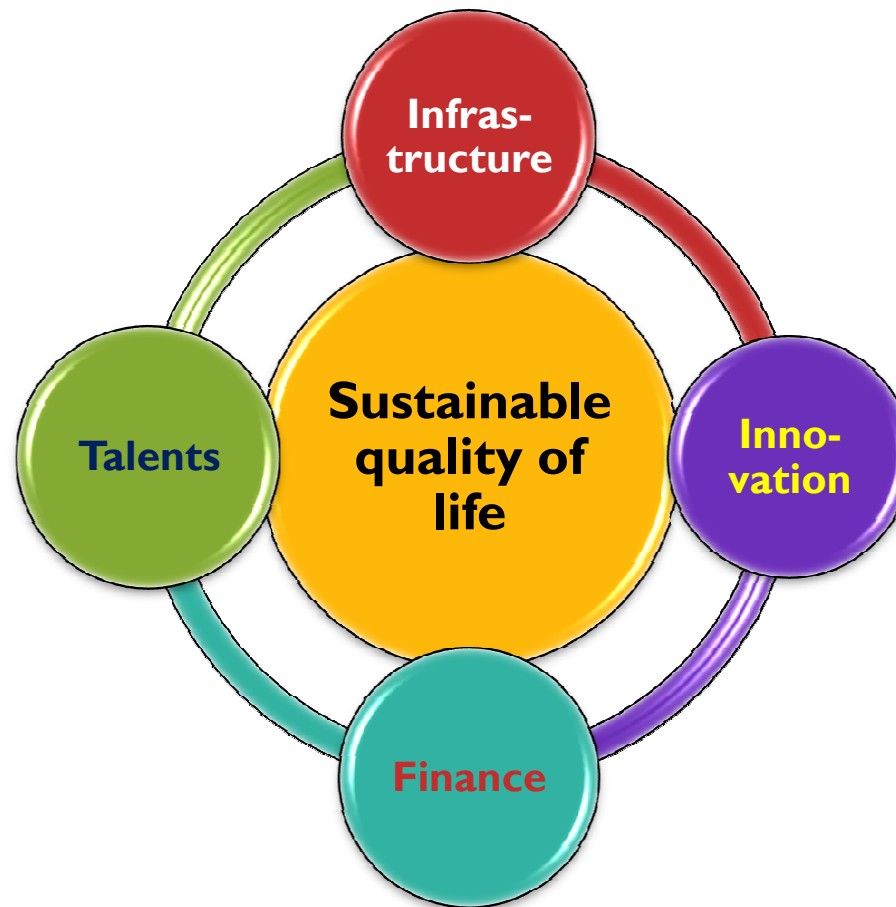
Beyond clusters

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- Who is winning the battle for city-based global leadership ?



Cities as Global Gladiators

The five components of glocal success



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