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Mainstreet Cascadia: The 'Local' as Key to 'Next Step' - Cross-Border Regionalism in Cascadia

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This paper presented at this seminar examines the notion of Mainstreet Cascadia as a crucial part of the transborder region of Pacific NorthWest North America. It places this Cascadia 'city-region' in a context of much broader competing definitions of the still emerging cross-border region and concludes that the somewhat narrower 'urban conception' of Cascadia is the one most likely to provide the catalyst to 'next step regionalism. It examines some of the global activities of the three major cities within the Cascadia region (Vancouver, Seattle and Portland) and some of the cooperative – and occasionally conflicting – activity of the Cascadia city-region itself. It concludes with some lessons for city regions, including cross-border ones – and particularly those which are not 'top tiered' in world city terms – from this Cascadia experience, noting that seven 'globalist' characteristics stand out as 'best practices' for rethinking local-cross-border regional relations.

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