Rethinking relational economic geography. Geography for some time, I can only realistically focus on economic-geographical work that explicitly addresses how relationality and social relations impinge on the spatial organization of economic activities.2 In particular, I want to revisit the social relations of production (SRP) framework of the late 1970s and the 1980s and show how it serves as an antecedent of the recent ‘relational turn’ in economic geography. By the late 1970s, the SRP framework had emerged as a radical critique of neoclassical industrial location theory largely because it rethinks relational economic geography. Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers 30 (1):37-51. [CICADA]. Peter Sunley (2008). Relational Economic Geography: A partial understanding or a new paradigm? Economic Geography 84 (1): 1-26. [CICADA]. A relational view of economic geography is based on a relationship between space and economy which is contrary to that of regional science.10 Specifically, regional
science views space as a container which confines and determines economic action. It treats space as a separate entity which can be described and theorized independently from economic action.