# Live in Between

The integrated and socio-ecologically resilient development of desakota in the context of shrinking cities in Liaoning, China

中国辽宁城市收缩背景下城郊地区的一体化与社会生态弹性发展

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# **CONTEXT**

## **PROBLEMATIZATION**

Motivation The Introductin of Liaoning Megaregion Urban Shrinkage in Liaoning Dual-track Process of the Emergence of Desakota in Liaoning

## Live in Between

#### **METHODOLOGY**

Main Methods

# **CASE STUDY** – Wafangdian

Overview of Beiwang Village Elemental Analysis of Beiwang Village Socio-ecological degradation of Beiwang Village Low Level of Public Participation

Introduction of Wafangdian Distribution of desakota in Wafangdian Problems of desakota in Wafangdian Advantages of Desakota of Wafangdian Cooperation between Desakota Vision of Wafangdian

Problems Faced by Desakota in Liaoning **Problem Statement** 

# **CONCEPT**

Research Aim Research Question Theoretical Framework Conceptual Framework

#### **CASE STUDY** – Beiwang Village

#### **ADAPTIVE PLANNING**

Scenario Building Principle Framework Evaluation of Scenarios No-regret Strategies Summary of the Adaptive Planning Process

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#### **1.1** Motivation



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Source: Quan, 2023

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#### Polluting factories in Liaoning's desakota



Source: Deng, 2022

#### Abondoned building in Liaoning's desakota



Photographed by author

# Low environmental quality of Liaoning's desakota



Photographed by author

#### **1.2** The Introductin of Liaoning Megaregion







Population density of China and 14 cities in Liaoning Province

Data based on Worldpop, made by author

#### **1.2** The Introductin of Liaoning Megaregion

Less competitive than other megaregions in China



Population density





Realm of megaregion

Location of megaregion

— Liaoning



Population density & GDP distribution in China Made by author

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#### **1.3** Urban Shrinkage in Liaoning





**Shrinking cities in China, 2000-2010** Source: Long, 2016. Edited by author

#### **1.4** Dual-track Process of the Emergence of Desakota in Liaoning





#### The Boom Period

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The Growth-oriented Period

Nowadays

Population /million 4000 3000 2000 1000 0



#### **Neglected in Planning**



**Liaoning provincial spatial masterplan** Edited by author, based on Liaoning Province Spatial Planning 2020-2035



**Spatial structure plan of towns in Liaoning province** Edited by author, based on Liaoning Province Spatial Planning 2020-2035

#### 4.2 促进农业布局优化

#### 口 实施乡村分类引导, 提振乡村发展能力



**Division of 4 types of villages** Source: Liaoning Province Spatial Planning 2020-2035

Marginalization

Low population density, GDP and employment







(Yuan)

Population density and GDP of cities in Liaoning 2021 Made by author

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## **2.1** Problems Faced by Desakota in Liaoning

#### Marginalization

Low availability of public services



Low-quality healthcare and middle school in desakota Source: Internet





Healthcare and school heat map of Liaoning Made by author

Socio-ecological degradation

Air pollution in desakota





**Pollution from factories and agriculture in desakota** Source: Internet

Industrial zone heatmap
Air pollution
Forest
National highway
Train line
City

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Air pollution and industrial heat map of Liaoning 2018 Made by author

Socio-ecological degradation

Water pollution in desakota



Water pollution from rural factories in desakota Source: Internet



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Water pollution and water shortage in Liaoning Made by author

Influenced by Urban Shrinkage

Aging population

# Increased gap of income and employment between urban and rural areas



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Age structures of cities in 2021 in Liaoning Made by author, data based on Liaoning Statistical Yearbook 2022 and Guan et al., 2020

## 2.2 PROBLEM STATEMENT





## 3.1 RESEARCH AIM

To revitalize desakota through <u>socio-ecologically</u> resilient development and integrate desakota into the megaregion as an important role in the context of <u>shrinking cities</u>.

#### **3.2 RESEARCH QUESTION**

# How to achieve the <u>socio-ecologically resilient</u> development of desakota in the context of <u>shrinking</u> <u>cities</u> in Liaoning?

#### **Current Situation**

1. What does socio-ecological resilience mean to desakota?

2. What's the current state of the social-ecological system in Liaoning's desakota?

3. How does shrinkage affect the socio-ecological system of desakota in Liaoning?

4. How to regen desakota?

5. How to ensure in desakota?

6. What socio-e megaregion?

7. How can adaptive planning enhance the resilience of desakota's socialecological system?

#### **Future Transformation**

4. How to regenerate the ecosystem and enhance human well-being in

5. How to ensure positive feedback between ecosystem and social system

6. What socio-ecological values can desakota offer to the rest of the

#### **3.3** Theoretical Framework



#### **3.4** Conceptual Framework





#### 4.1 Main Methods

#### **1. Literature Review**

#### 2. Mapping





#### 3. Case Study



#### 5. Policy Analysis

#### 6. Stakeholder Analysis

#### 7. <u>Elemental Approach</u>







#### 4. Fieldwork & Interview



## 8. Scenario Building



Technology-Based Industry

## CHAPTER 5

# CASE STUDY Wafangdian City



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#### **5.1** Introduction of Wafangdian



Source: Internet



CASE STUDY

# **5.2** Distribution of desakota in Wafangdian 华威恰金轴承制造有限 - Center Town Center with More Services + Desakota Around the City Center • Town Center with Less Services 🛱 Train Station + Desakota Far from City Center 🗜 Harbour + Desakota with Tourism + Desakota with Clean Energy Industry //// Urban Built-up Area — National Highway — Road System **28**/73 — Railway — Township Boundary



#### **5.3** Problems of desakota in Wafangdian

5.3.1 Fragmented and Isolated

Neglected in municipal planning

Lacking overall coordination



**Municipal Territorial Spatial Masterplan of Wafangdian** Wafangdian City Territorial Spatial Masterplan (2021-2035), Government website

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### **5.3** Problems of desakota in Wafangdian

5.3.2 Suffering from Socio-ecological Degradation



Source: Internet







Source: Internet, Made by author

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#### **5.4** Advantages of Desakota of Wafangdian

#### High connectivity



#### Rich tourism resources

#### Strong agricultural & industrial base



#### Clean energy resources



#### Source: Internet







Made by author

#### **5.5** Cooperation between Desakota



Maximize the advantages of desakota; Realize greater socio-ecological value.

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#### **5.5** Cooperation between Desakota

5.5.1 Ecological Restoration



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Desakota with mountain restoration



**Ecological restoration and blue-green system** Made by author

#### **5.5** Cooperation between Desakota

#### 5.5.2 Industrial Transformation

#### Current Industry



#### New Possible Industry



#### **Eco-tourism**



#### Clean Energy

#### Eco-agriculture

Source: Internet

#### 5.5 Cooperation between Desakota

#### 5.5.2 Industrial Transformation



**Technology-Based Industry** 

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#### **5.5** Cooperation between Desakota

- 5.5.3 Desakota Cooperative Clusters
- Industrial agglomeration
- Tourism or clean energy resources
- Ecological significance





Cooperative cluster of desakota in Wafangdian Made by author
# **5.6** Vision of Wafangdian

#### Breaking down township borders to cooperate



#### Desakota as a connector between urban and rural areas



## A closely integrated and unified system



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# **5.6** Vision of Wafangdian





Vision Map of Wafangdian Made by author

# CHAPTER 6

# CASE STUDY Beiwang Village

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# 6.1 Overview of Beiwang Village

Less Competitive





Position of Beiwang village in Wafangdian city Made by author

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# **6.1** Overview of Beiwang Village

## Strategic Point





# 6.1 Overview of Beiwang Village



Well-managed farmland Photographed by author



**Big factories in Beiwang Village** Photographed by author



Abondoned farmland Photographed by author



**Small factories in Beiwang Village** Photographed by author



# 6.2 Elmental Analysis of Beiwang Village





## 6.3 Socio-ecological Degradation of Beiwang Village







# 6.4 Low Level of Public Participation



#### Public participation in desakota

Data from questionnaires, Made by author

#### Willingness to engage in planning





Interviews during fieldwork Photographed by author





Desakota

7.1.1 Eco Agri-tourism Desakota

**Overview of Beiwang village** 







7.1.1 Eco Agri-tourism Desakota

### Strategies

#### 1. Mountain preservation & wetland restoration

BEFORE





BEFORE



### 2. Transformation to ecological agriculture

AFTER



7.1.1 Eco Agri-tourism Desakota

### Strategies

#### 3. Add agri-tourism activities

### 4. Social infrastructure upgrading







BEFORE



Small park Neighbourhood activity center Service center 

AFTER

## 7.1.1 Eco Agri-tourism Desakota

Vision map



## ADAPTIVE PLANNING



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# 7.1 Scenario Building

7.1.1 Eco Agri-tourism Desakota





Employment





ADAPTIVE PLANNING

7.1.2 Smart Agro-Industrial Desakota

Overview of Beiwang village





### 7.1.2 Smart Agro-Industrial Desakota

### Strategies

#### 1. Mountain preservation & environmental enhancement

BEFORE





BEFORE



#### 2. Transformation to smart agriculture

AFTER



### 7.1.2 Smart Agro-Industrial Desakota

### Strategies

#### 3. Implantation of agro-production and smart industries







BEFORE



#### 4. Social infrastructure upgrading

Footpath Small park Neighbourhood/activity center Footpath Footpath Footpath

AFTER

## 7.1.2 Smart Agro-Industrial Desakota

### Vision map



Mountain Park A

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## 7.1 Scenario Building

7.1.2 Smart Agro-Industrial Desakota



ADAPTIVE PLANNING





# 7.2 Principle Framework



EVALUATION CRITERIA				
FEASABILITY	Less Financial Investment (Government)			
	Ease of Construction			
	Less Potential Barrier			
	Compatibility with Existing Resources			
	SUM 30%			

Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario 3	Scenario 4
2		3	
2		4	
2		3	
5		4	
11/20		14/20	

EVALUATION CRITERIA					
		Soil Health Level Air Quality			
	Level of ecosystem health		Water Quality		
			Forest Quality		
			Biodiversity		
		Capacity to provide diverse ecosystem services			
		SUM 15%			
	Level of	Basic Material of Life	Availability of Clean Air and Water		
			Housing Quality		
SOCIO-			Job Opportunity		
ECOLOGICAL RESILIENT		Quality of Life	Public Services Quality		
			Transportation Quality		
			Public Spaces Quality		
	Social		Environmental Quality		
	Well-being	Mental Fullfillment	Reduction of Isolation and Loneliness		
		of People	Sharing, Learning and Interaction Opportunities		
		Less negative impact on ecosystems			
		Willingness to protect ecosystems			
	SUM 15%				

Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario 3	Scenario 4
5		4	
4		3	
4		3	
5		5	
4		2	
4		2	
26/30		19/30	
4		2	
5		4	
4		5	
4		3	
5		3	
4		2	
4		2	
4		4	
5		5	
5		3	
4		2	
48/55		35/55	

	<b>EVALUATION CRITERIA</b>	Sc
	Economic Growth Level	
	More Job Opportunities	
VILLAGERS	Environmental & Public Service Enhancement	
BENEFIT	Less Investment (Village Committee)	
	Village Promotion	
	SUM 30%	

Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario 3	Scenario 4
4		4	
5		5	
4		2	
3		4	
5		5	
21/25		20/25	

EVALUATION CRITERIA			Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario 3	Scenario 4
PLANNING ALIGNMENT	Consistency with Municipal Planning	Level of Synergy Development of Desakota	5		5	
	Promoting synergistic urban-rural development	Level of Promoting Rural Development	3		5	
		Level of Interaction with Cities	4		5	
	SUM 10%		12/15		15/15	

**7.3** Evaluation of Scenarios

# Final Score

Eco Agri-tourism Desakota



Smart Agro-Industrial Desakota



EVALUATION CRITERIA			Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario 3	Scenario 4	
	Less Financial Investment (Government)			2	1	3	4
	Ease of Construction			2		4	
FEASABILITY	Less Potential Barrier			2		3	
	Compati	ibility with	Existing Resources	5		4	
	<b>SUM</b> 30%			11/20		14/20	
			Soil Health Level	5		4	
		Air Quality		4		3	
	Level of	Water Quality		4		3	
	ecosystem		Forest Quality	5		5	
	health		Biodiversity	4		2	
		Ca	pacity to provide diverse ecosystem services	4		2	
		SU	M 15%	26/30		19/30	
		Basic	Availability of Clean Air and Water	4		2	
		Materia of Life	Trousing Quanty	5		4	
SOCIO-		of Life	Job Opportunity	4		5	
ECOLOGICAL RESILIENT	Level of Social Well-being	Quality of Life Mental Fullfillment of People	Public Services Quality	4		3	
			y Transportation Quality	5		3	
			Public Spaces Quality	4		2	
			Environmental Quality	4		2	
			1 7 1	4		4	
				5		5	
		Less negative impact on ecosystems		5		3	
			Willingness to protect ecosystems	4		2	
		SU	JM 15%	48/55		35/55	
		Economic G	Frowth Level	4		4	
	More Job Opportunities			5		5	
VILLAGERS	Environmental & Public Service Enhancement			4		2	
BENEFIT	Less Investment (Village Committee)			3		4	
	Village Promotion			5		5	
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<b>SUM</b> 10%			12/15	7/15	15/15	8/15	
FINAL SCORE			0.75	0.59	0.74	0.58	

## 7.4 No-regret Strategies



#### 1. Mountain preservation & river purification

- > Mountain preservation
- > Removal of factories that pollute the river
- > Wetland restoration along the river



### 2. Removal of factories in the farmland

> Restructure the farmland for eco-agriculture or smart agriculture



### 3. Neighbourhood upgrading

- > Add small parks with sports facilities
- > Add greenery in neighbourhoods
- > Reuse of warehouse as neighbourhood activity center
- > Connecting settlements to natural spots

## 7.5 Summary of the Adaptive Planning Process

#### Analyze the position of desakota







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#### Compare 4 scenarios and choose suitable ones





Village Committee



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**Planning Institution** 

Planning Institution Village Committee

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Experts

Villagers









Government

**Planning Institution** 

Village Committee

Propose no-regret strategies





**Planning Institution** 



## **Co-creation workshops**



Experts









Villagers







Farmers



#### Final vision map







**Planning Institution** 











# CONCLUSION

# REFLECTION

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## **RESEARCH AIM**

# To revitalize desakota through <u>socio-ecologically</u> resilient development and <u>integrate desakota into</u> <u>the megaregion</u> as an important role in the context of shrinking cities.

**Spatial Planning** 

Adaptive Planning

Governance Model = A socio-ecologically resilient desakota Cooperat + Connecto **= A close** 

Cooperation between Desakota

Connector between Ubran and Rural Areas = A closely integrated & unified system

# CONCLUSION

# **Urban Shrinkage**

# <u>Adaptive Planning</u> -> <u>Socio-ecological Resilience</u> Desakota

Flexibility and Adaptivity ----- Scenario Building

# REFLECTION

# **Contribution:**

- > Desakota in a shrinking context
- > Revitalize desakota through adaptive planning

# Limitation:

> Lack of discussion with planning experts

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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