

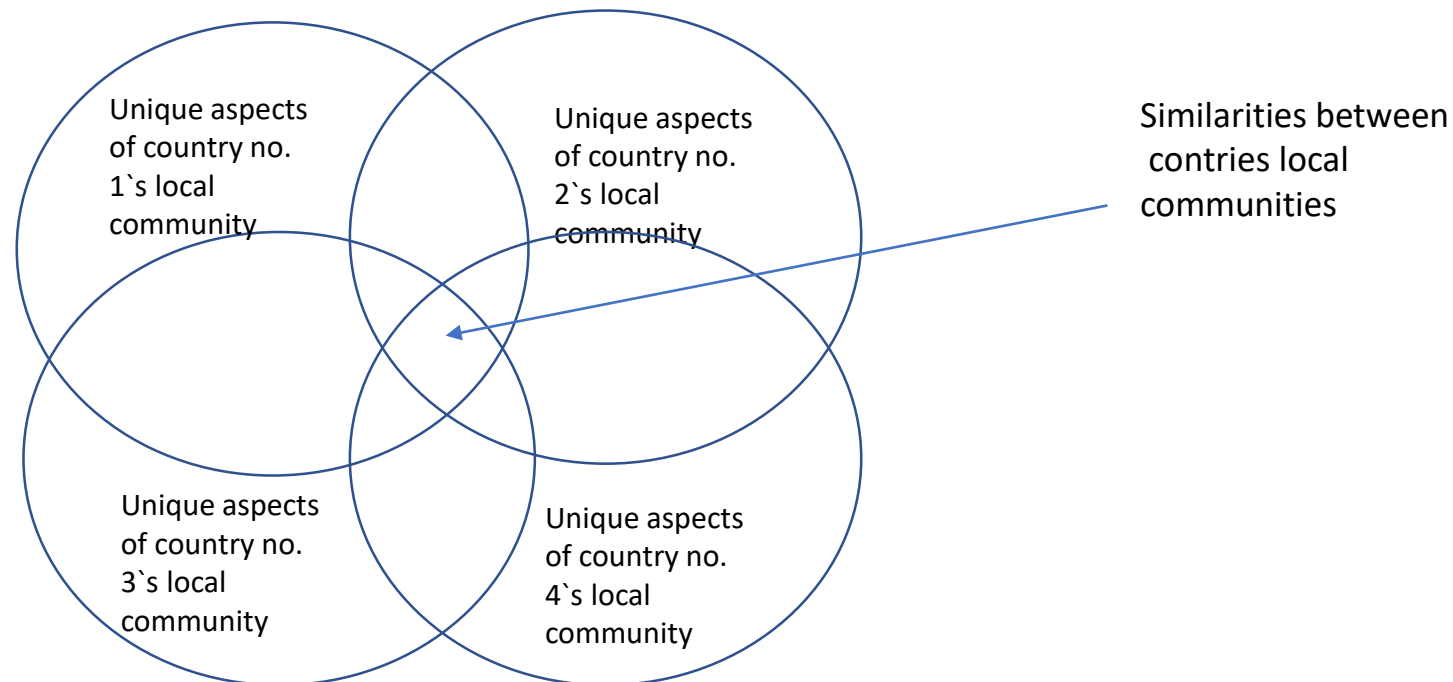
Course 1 – Day 1

Getting to know each other

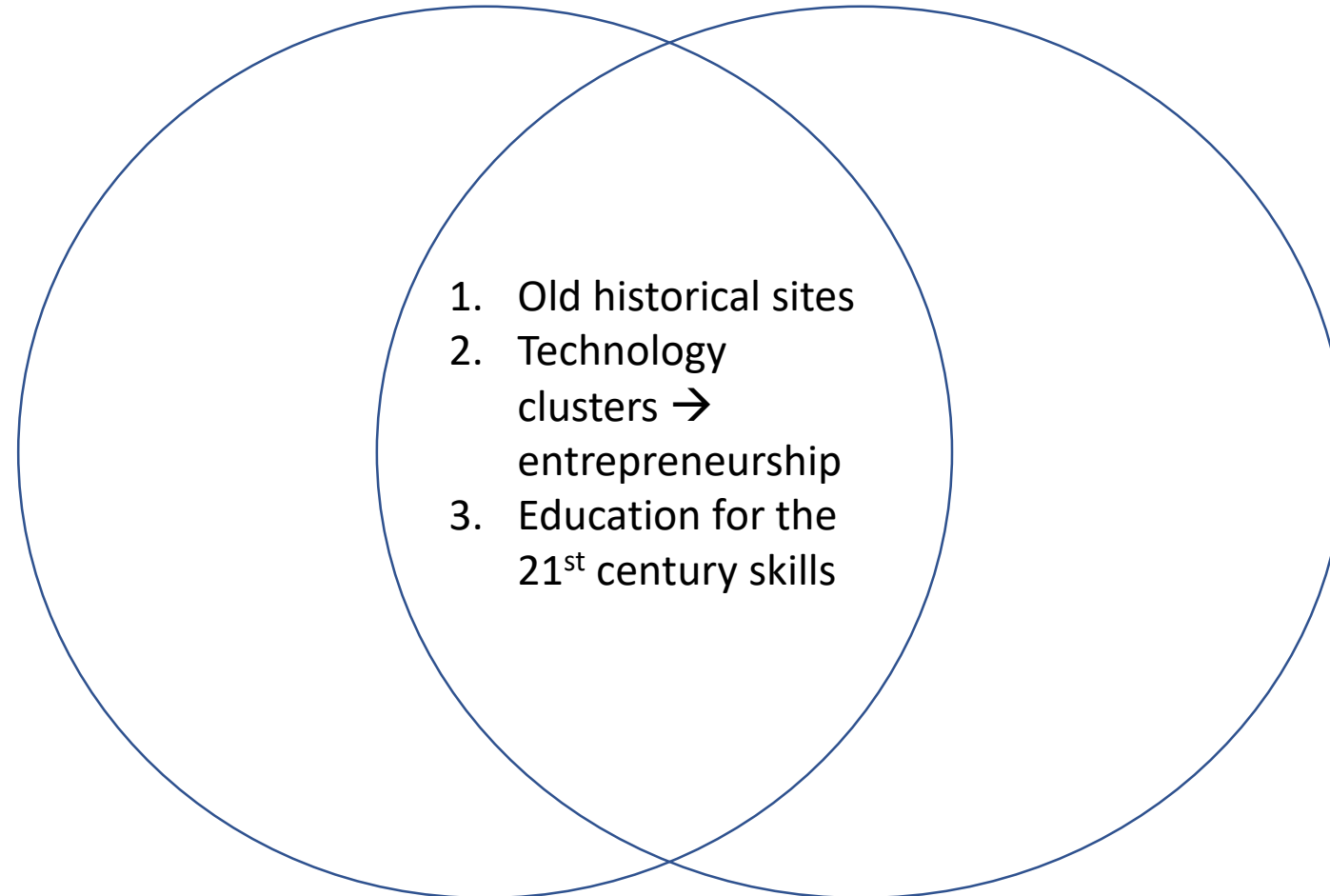
1. Group work assignment

- Contrasting localities- differences and similarities in your local communities

- Work in groups
- Using a Venn-diagram, write down your differences and similarities in your respective local communities.
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Comparing contrasting localities: Verdal vs. Cambridge



Stiklestad

A National Memorial

Old medieval stone church completed in 1180

The church was built at the site of the Battle of Stiklestad. The church building is assumed to have been erected on the exact spot where St. Olaf was killed during that battle

The site is accordingly associated with the introduction of Christianity in Norway

Much cultural activity related to the history → Nord university has a study for Theater and Acting in Verdal



Stiklestadir

A copy of a Viking Longhouse

Nearby is also a copy of a medieval farm and guest house

The buildings have many functions: Exhibition, teaching and different arrangements

The buildings are important parts of Stiklestad Nasjonale Kultursenter, a national museum. Almost all school classes in the region visit this museum. It has a large variety of teaching activities that combine history and practical subjects



Gamme - *gåetie*: A traditional South Sami house (turf hut)

Nord University has a particular responsibility for education in South Sami language and culture

Sami culture has got a prominent position in the national curriculum

This house was newly opened on our campus

It will be a valuable teaching resource

There is an increasing interest for outdoor tourism in North Scandinavia



An important agricultural district



Kværner Verdal

Kværner Verdal is a construction yard for large steel constructions and substructures for offshore oil platforms.

It is the most important company in Verdal with more than 700 workers

Many support companies are located nearby → a **cluster** of firms in technology and knowledge economy

Altogether 240 firms are located in the cluster called Verdal Næringspark



Newton Verdal

- It is a part of MNRT – a centre for technology and science in the Mid-Norway region
- The Newton concept is developed by the foundation FIRST Scandinavia, together with teachers, academic institutions and industry partners
- Kværner Verdal and Verdal municipality are central partners
- A Newton room is a state-of-the art science room where students can do hands-on experiments and practical activities



Extractive industries in Verdal

Limestone quarries → export of chalk
Non-renewable resource



Timber at InnTre sawmill
Renewable resource → biogas



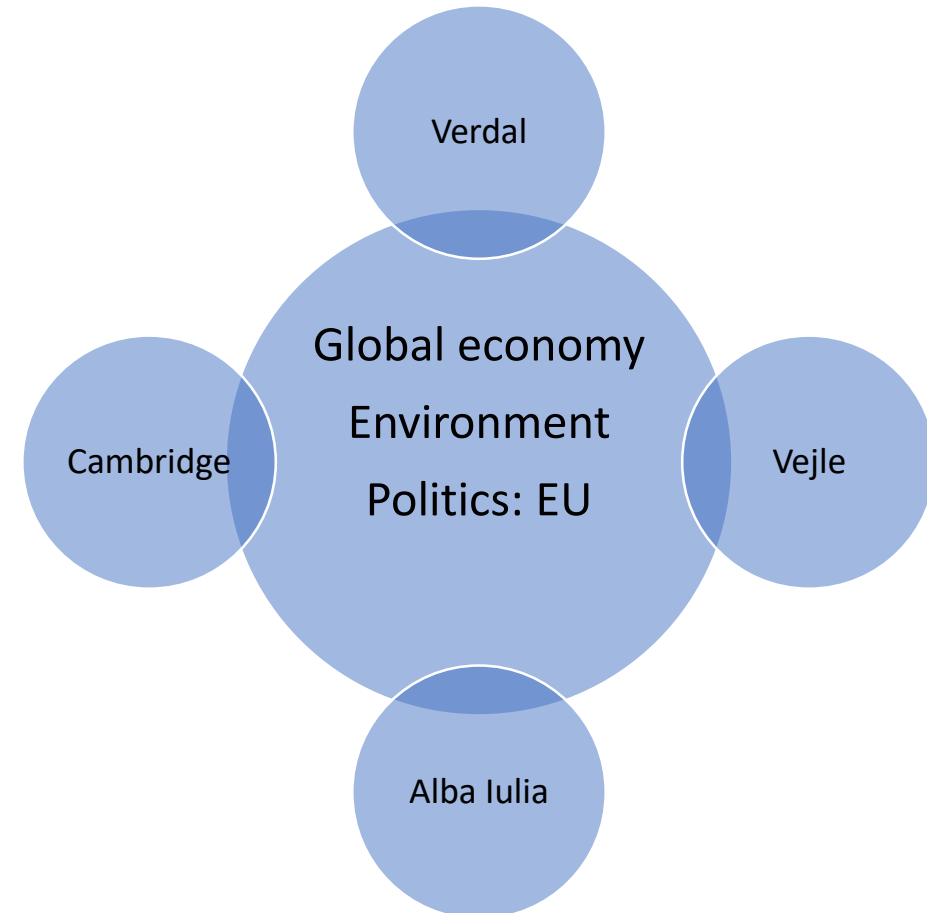
Winter sport in near- by Åre, Sweden

- Winter sport is popular in Scandinavia
- An increasing interest for winter activities among Europeans
- However: They are threatened by global climate change



Connections in an interdependent world

- Which connections are there between our four places?
- Commercial connections
- Cooperations
- Some common challenges:
 - “Survival” in a competitive global economy
 - Global climate change → More sustainable development
 - Education for 21st century skills



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