

The topic of the paper is the increasing internationalization of firms within regional industrial clusters. The paper draws on literature on the life-cycles of regional industrial clusters, and focuses on how exogenous factors interact with endogenous factors created over time within the clusters. The main purpose of the paper is to investigate how this interaction contributes to the decline or the re-emergence of clusters. This is done based on a case study of two industrial clusters in one Norwegian region, Sunnmøre. One is the maritime cluster, which has developed strongly since the 1990s. The other one is the furniture cluster, which has declined in the same period.