

Regional Synthesis -

◦ Synthesis = Integration

◦ Regional Geo

◦ Descriptive
◦ Uniqueness

Systematic Geo

◦ Laws
◦ Studying commonalities

◦ Idiographic Approach

◦ Nomothetic approach
(more integrated)

◦ One of the major debates in geo is Regional vs Systematic geo. or Idiographic vs Nomothetic approach

◦ One of the allegation against Regional study is Region's approach is disintegrative approach because it studies uniqueness of a place & how one region is different from another. In contrary, the systematic approach

In contrary, the systematic approach seems more integrative or aggregative because it finds commonalities across

Phenomena & generalises into Laws & Theories

- Systematic approach is thematic integratⁿ of the world.
- The Region's approach counters this argument & asserts Region's approach is more integrative because it studies how diverse events are integrated within a region.

◦ It is in Region approach that Physical vs Human geo dichotomy is not entertained.

◦ Region approach is scientific approach of cause-effect relationship of diverse element of a place.

◦ In the New Regions / Chronological approach Regional geo includes cultural studies & a scientific study of cultural landscape that was ignored under OR / Cultural

◦ Modern Regional geo is also Historical in approach influenced by Geography of John Wright so contemporary Region approach is Humanistic & Anthropocentric.

o In the welfare geo approach, study of Region includes problem solving, planning for Regional Development, addressing Poverty & Unemployment, promoting Distributive Justice & incorporating Env. problems that make Geo Multi-disciplinary ∴ science of Regional synthesis