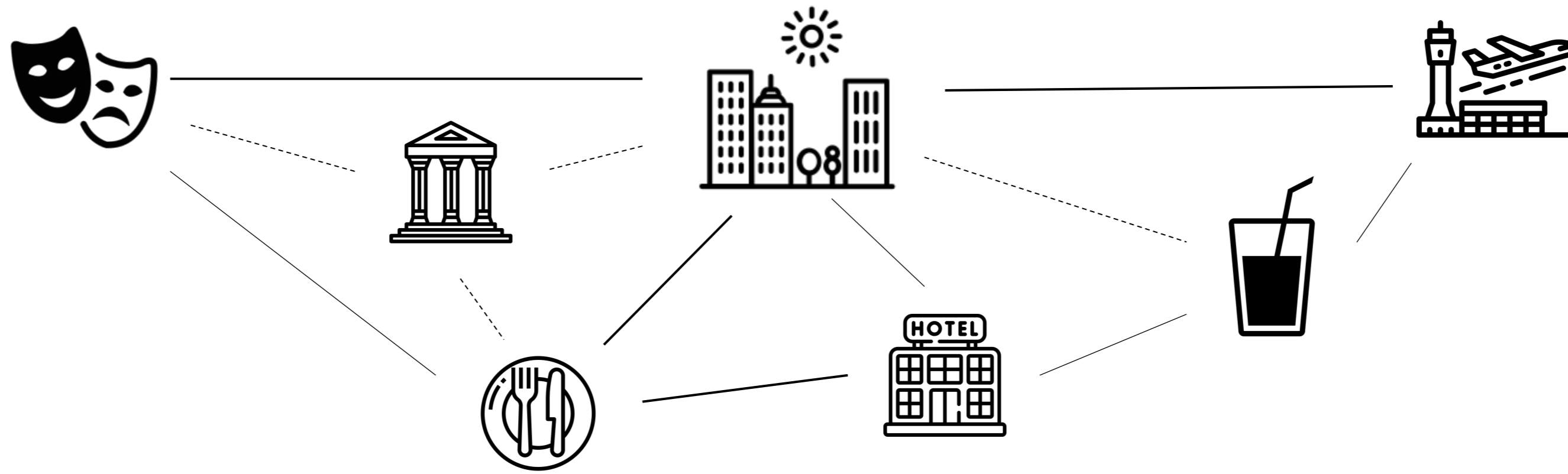


A Service Constellation for a Tourist Destination

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Introduction

Value Chain → Value Constellation → Service Constellation

How do services affect each other & the value-creating potential of the constellation?

Theoretical Contribution: Construct a Service Constellation Destination Management Organisations: Economic Contribution

Method

Focus Group Workshop → Customer Journey Analysis → Constellation Construction → Service Constellation Analysis

Findings

13 Service Types:

(Pre-trip Stage)

(Trip Stage)

(Post-trip Stage)

- The value of a service is perceived on an individual level: Preference / Situation / Accessibility
- Positive, Negative & One-Directional Associations: The value of one service depends on the value of another
- Search, Informational & Evaluation Services provide a cycle of feedback & information that gives value to the constellation
- Preceding services are of greater value when services are taken in sequence

Conclusion

Theoretical Implications

- Customer Journey Analysis: a **successful** technique to construct a Service Constellation
- Not all services generate an equal impact

Managerial Recommendations

- DMOs: to **support & manage** the use of **complementary services**. As these services are typically not controlled by service providers at the destination
- Focus on **preceding services** in a sequence
- DMOs can implement the same process to construct a Service Constellation for their own destination