**Table 1. Three phases of labour geography (adapted from Coe and Jordhus-Lier 2010, pp. 3).**

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| **Phase/time period** | **Illustrative authors** | **Analytical foci** | **Limitations** |
| Phase 1: 1990s  Early foundations | Andrew Cumbers; Andrew Herod; Tod Rutherford; David Sadler; Jane Wills | The agency of labour; labour’s spatial strategies and fixes; the ‘upscaling’ imperative | Prime focus on trade unions; identification of isolated success stories; not systemic trends; prime focus on manufacturing sectors in developed economies. |
| Phase 2: 2000s  Broadening Out | Angela Hale; Andrew Herod; Lydia Savage; Rachel Silvey; Steven Tufts; Jane Wills | New sectors; new paths of action; new modes of organisation; new geographical domains | Agency still not systematically theorised; lack of integration with literature on global production and state restructuring; absence of analysis of labour market intermediaries |
| Phase 3: 2010s+  Labour process and labour history | Al Rainnie; Robert Bridi; Terah Sportel; Neil Coe  David Featherstone; Paul Griffin; John Crossan | Agency in the process of working and ‘doing’; focus on the labour process and/or labour process theory  ‘History from below’ and community formation | Insufficient or else nascent engagements with ethical/moral considerations |