

Does Structure Matter?

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Abstract

Theories of country systems include structure, rules and their consequence on structure, emotions, and stages. Structural theory, including analysis based on the effects of rules, emotion or cognition on forms of networks, does not much more than merely describe. It also predicts properties of systems, which can be observed empirically both as descriptions of events and processes, and as examples of historically documentable changes. Certain cultural structures computed from rules are examples of butterfly architectures known from design of parallel processors. This has important implications for the value of rule-bound theory, and for systems theory generally when applied to country or cultural systems.

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