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Phenomenology symbolic interactionism

FIELD THEORY

- Another word for "field" in this context is "meso-level social order."
- The central premise of field theory is that "most of social life occurs in arenas where actors take one another into account in their actions."
- Field theory recognizes a dynamic and dialectic relationship between the norms and constraints of the field, where interaction takes place and the ever-shifting agency of the actors within that field.
- Phenomenology and symbolic interactionism, rather than rationalism, are the primary frameworks through which field theorists explain the behavior and agency of actors.

FIELD THEORY EXAMPLES

