



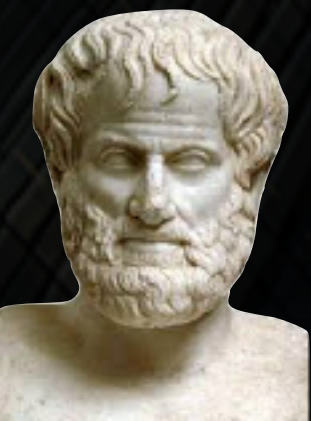
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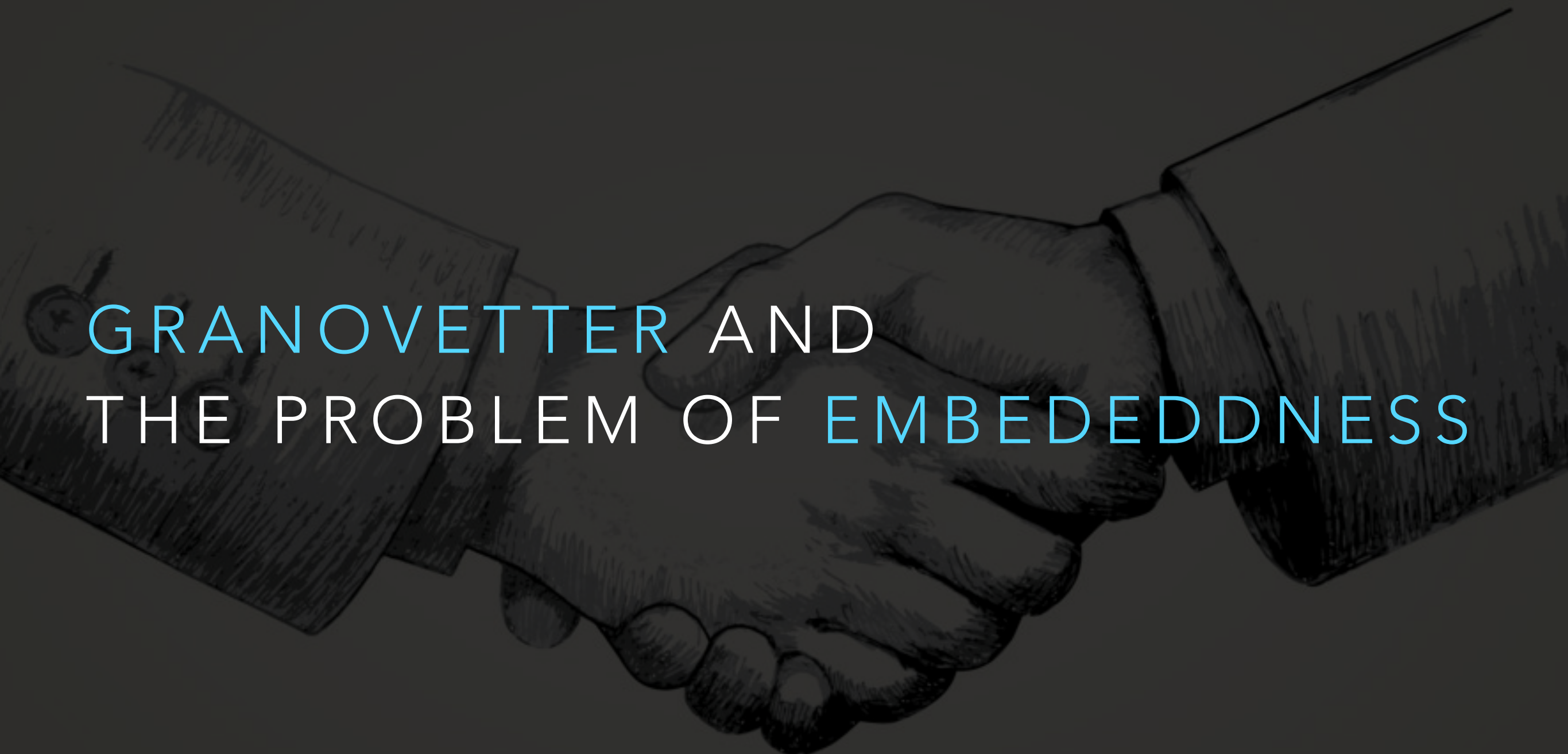


Open Systems

Organizations are congeries of interdependent flows and activities linking shifting coalitions of participants embedded in wider material-resource and institutional environments.

- As a result, organizations must work hard to encourage their participants to keep their goals a high priority despite other conflicting interests.
- Open system perspectives see organizations both as hierarchical systems and as loosely coupled systems.





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