







categories



collectives

● Group

GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS

- Robert Merton distinguishes between categories, collectivities, and groups.
- Members of **categories** share status positions but not necessarily intimate relationships or norms.
- Members of **collectives** share norms.
- **Group** members share a common identity and interact with each other.

GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS

- Early sociological study in America focused predominantly on the relationships between groups and organizations.
- Actors can be divided into two types: natural and corporate.
- The corporate person is the notion that the organization can continue to function if specific actors come and go (like a corporation, which survives the death of a founder by hiring a new CEO).

