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1. Bourdieu's

2. organizational fields (neo-institutionalism)

3. Strategic action fields



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- **Field theory** is an alternative methodology to micro- and macro-analyses of society, focusing on the spaces in which jockeying for social position occurs.
- Three of the most developed field theories:
 1. Pierre **Bourdieu's** 1992 theory of fields.
 2. The 1983 theory of **organizational fields (neo-institutionalism)** developed by DiMaggio and Powell.
 3. **Strategic action fields** put forth by Fligstein and McAdam in 2012.
- How these three theories address two crucial questions in sociology: (1) how social fields emerge, change, and reproduce and (2) how to understand agency and actors.

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