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- Identity theory is influenced by **structural symbolic interactions**.
- I.e., “how social structures affect self and how self affects social behaviors” by focusing on “**patterned interactions and relationships**.”
- A **structural symbolic interactionist perspective** asks what is “the probability of entering into the concrete (and discrete) **social networks** in which persons live their lives is influenced by **larger social structures in which those networks are embedded**.”

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