

# Paper Summary

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Title: AWARENESS-IN-ACTION: A Critical Integralism for the Challenges of Our Times

Authors: Daniel J. O'Connor

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Year: 2013

Publication Type: Journal Article

Discipline/Domain: Integral Theory, Interdisciplinary Studies

Subdomain/Topic: Critical Integral Meta-paradigm; Actionable Knowledge; Interdisciplinary Response to C

Eligibility: Eligible

Overall Relevance Score: 85

Operationalization Score: 70

Contains Definition of Actionability: Yes (implicit and partial explicit)

Contains Systematic Features/Dimensions: Yes

Contains Explainability: Partial

Contains Interpretability: Partial

Contains Framework/Model: Yes (meta-paradigmatic framing)

Operationalization Present: Yes (meta-paradigmatic approach across domains)

Primary Methodology: Conceptual/Theoretical

Study Context: Development of a meta-paradigm for human awareness-in-action applicable across politic

Geographic/Institutional Context: United States

Target Users/Stakeholders: Scholars, policymakers, activists, journalists, social workers, interdisciplinary

Primary Contribution Type: Conceptual framework linking awareness practices to actionable knowledge

CL: Yes

CR: Yes

FE: Partial

TI: Partial

EX: Partial

GA: Yes

Reason if Not Eligible: n/a

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**\*\*Contextual Background:\*\***

The paper proposes *\*Awareness-in-Action\** as a meta-paradigm integrating presupposed perspectives and

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Meta-paradigmatic framework

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## ## General Summary of the Paper

O'Connor's *\*Awareness-in-Action\** framework is presented as a critical integral meta-paradigm that connects

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## ## Eligibility

Eligible for inclusion: **\*\*Yes\*\***

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## ## How Actionability is Understood

Actionability is implicitly defined as the capacity to generate “actionable knowledge within, across, and between

> “Awareness-In-Action may therefore provide the meta-paradigmatic means to create actionable knowledge.

> “...so that those of us concerned with such matters might learn how to respond more effectively to the issues.

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## ## What Makes Something Actionable

- Integration of perspectives and practices of human awareness-in-action.
- Cross-disciplinary applicability.
- Responsiveness to interconnected political, economic, social, and ecological challenges.
- Grounding in validated presuppositions that serve as premises for inquiry and hypothesis formation.

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## ## How Actionability is Achieved / Operationalized

- **Framework/Approach Name(s):** Awareness-in-Action meta-paradigm
- **Methods/Levers:** Integration of meta-theoretical and meta-practical reconstructions.
- **Operational Steps / Workflow:** Summarization of primary features, philosophical grounding, application.
- **Data & Measures:** Not empirical; conceptual synthesis.
- **Implementation Context:** Political, economic, social, ecological spheres, and various professions (journalists, etc.).

> “...summarize the primary features of Awareness-in-Action before elaborating on some of its philosophical grounding.

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## ## Dimensions and Attributes of Actionability (Authors' Perspective)

- **CL (Clarity):** Yes — The framework seeks to clarify presuppositions across contexts.
- **CR (Contextual Relevance):** Yes — Tailored to diverse and interconnected fields.
- **FE (Feasibility):** Partial — Feasibility implied via meta-level applicability, but not operationally detailed.
- **TI (Timeliness):** Partial — Linked to urgent societal challenges, though not time-bounded.
- **EX (Explainability):** Partial — Philosophical grounding aids explainability, but lacks explicit operational steps.
- **GA (Goal Alignment):** Yes — Explicitly tied to responding effectively to pressing global challenges.
- **Other Dimensions Named by Authors:** Interdisciplinarity, reflexivity.

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## ## Theoretical or Conceptual Foundations

- Jürgen Habermas's Critical Theory
- Ken Wilber's Integral Theory
- Chris Argyris's Action Science

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## ## Indicators or Metrics for Actionability

No quantitative metrics; actionability is judged through conceptual fit and cross-disciplinary utility.

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## ## Barriers and Enablers to Actionability

- **Barriers:** Disciplinary silos, entrenched institutional boundaries.
- **Enablers:** Meta-paradigmatic integration, philosophical grounding, cross-sector dialogue.

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## ## Relation to Existing Literature

Positions itself at the intersection of integral theory and critical theory, extending their applicability to actionability.

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## ## Summary

The paper presents *Awareness-in-Action* as a meta-paradigm designed to unify diverse perspectives and create actionable knowledge.

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## ## Scores

- **Overall Relevance Score:** 85 — Strong conceptualization and features tied to actionability; implicit depth.
- **Operationalization Score:** 70 — Provides a meta-paradigmatic pathway but lacks concrete implementation details.

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## ## Supporting Quotes from the Paper

- “Awareness-In-Action may therefore provide the meta-paradigmatic means to create actionable knowledge.”
- “...so that those of us concerned with such matters might learn how to respond more effectively to the incommensurable.”
- “...summarize the primary features of Awareness-in-Action before elaborating on some of its philosophical underpinnings.”

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## ## Actionability References to Other Papers

- Jürgen Habermas’s Critical Theory
- Ken Wilber’s Integral Theory
- Chris Argyris’s Action Science