# SOCI 424 discussion questions—Sept 14, 2020

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## Core Questions (try to respond to all of these)

* In one or two sentences, paraphrase Martin’s (2009) definition of “social structure.”
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* In this view, how do social structures differ from social institutions?
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* Overall, how useful did you find Martin’s theorization of social structure. Do you think social structures as he defines them will be a useful ‘object’ to analyze? What kinds of questions might we as social scientists be able to answer using this framework that we otherwise would not?
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* What was Weeden and Cornwell’s (2020) central thesis?
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* Are Weeden and Cornwell discussing *social structures*, as Martin describes them? If so, what are those social structures?
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## Additional Questions (use these as time and interest permits)

* In describing the distinction between social structures and social networks, Martin discussions the term *relation* in contrast to the term *relationship*. Describe Martin’s distinction between the two terms, and between structures and networks.
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* Martin talks about the “duality between culture and structure” (17). What does he mean by this?
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* Building on Martin’s account, what is ‘local structure’?
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* What role do network visualizations play in Weeden and Cornwell’s analysis? Are they useful for their empirical arguments?
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* Did the data or analysis Weeden and Cornwell omit anything important? If so, how do you think their results might change without that omission?
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