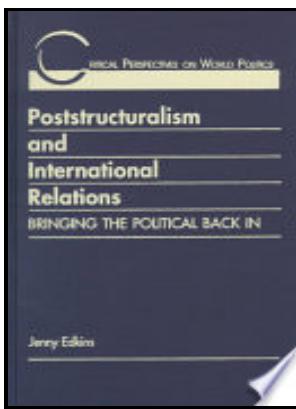


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Although Waltz makes it clear that correlation is not causation, and that regularity in itself is not sufficient to establish causation, he implies that regularities are necessary for any causal account. Causes not only typically precede their effects, but they also can be used to explain effects or to manipulate effects while effects cannot be used to explain causes or to manipulate them. King, Keohane and Verba 1994: 76.

### Hume on Causation

However, the bases of this argument are very different from the critical realist ones, advocated in later chapters of this book. Also, efficient causes played a role during this period and, in fact, gained some precision through the development of the theories of local motion. Case Selection and Nesting Process-Tracing Case Studies This section introduces principles of case selection in relation to process tracing.

### The Impact of Roy Bhaskar and Critical Realism on International Relations

The result of this ambiguity about the nature of mechanisms is that there is considerable confusion in the methodological literature about what process-tracing methods actually are tracing, and how we know good process tracing when we see it in practice.

### Causation in International Relations

None of these methods is foolproof because none solves the pairing problem or gets at the connections between events, but experimental methods typically offer the best chance of achieving closest possible worlds for comparisons. Speech Acts: An Essay in the Philosophy of Language. Or if a new religion or religious doctrine is introduced into one country, it seems possible that it will have an impact on the other country.

### Critical realism (philosophy of the social sciences)

Both the lecture and the papers are published in this volume. How then can a higher correlation exist between the opposite sex and suicide? I go on to generalize a version of the mechanist requirement on explanations due to Craver and Kaplan :601—627, 2011 in cognitive and systems

neuroscience so that it applies broadly across the life sciences in accordance with the view elaborated by Craver and Darden.

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Does one cause the other? Chaos theory can be seen to challenge the empiricist predictability-based accounts of cause but not all accounts of cause: Controversy over causes in the social sciences 81 a Humean manner laws, regularities, determinism and rejected on such a basis.

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In this understanding of mechanisms, there is no such thing as within-case analysis. .

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