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[Introduction](#)

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It is often said that we must

understand today's economic and political problems in cultural, social, psychological, historical, geographical and other contexts. However, principles and methods of contextual reasoning are not yet well developed despite several waves of attempts over the past four decades. The difficulty is not only methodological but more basically epistemological, involving different mindscape types as discussed in this book.

In the 1950s we saw a surge of interdisciplinary studies continuing into the 1960s. Think tanks, multidisciplinary and interdepartmental institutes, joint appointments, and degree programs became fashionable. At that time the prevailing principles were (a) to put specialists from several fields together to discuss a topic or a problem, (b) to encourage infusion of extradepartmental ideas by hiring persons of other departments part-time or full-time, (c) to offer interdepartmental degree programs by combining courses from many departments, and (d) to set up institutes or departments to study generalized theories. These principles are of the H-type mindscapes, whose universe consists of categories. Books were and still are written with the same principles.

These principles left intact the way of thinking of most of the participants of the activities. Each person brought his or her specialized pieces of information or interpretation to the gathering, and took home what was useful to his or her specialization. In the case of books and degree programs, the situation was worse. Each chapter or each course presented discipline-specific contents and views, and the task of interrelating various chapters and courses was left to the readers and students. On the other hand, general theorists lacked experience in specifics, leaving them to others.

The first three principles tended to become a collage or an encyclopedic catalogue to be used as an indexed reference work, part by part. The fourth principle had another set of problems. It tended to look for universality, analogy, and similarities between various social, biological, and physical processes, ignoring the existence, necessity, and desirability of heterogeneity, and it was prone to standardization, extrapolation, or abstraction without a reality base. In fact, many of the general theorists had no experience with concrete details. They claimed to counteract the reductionism of specialists, but fell into a reductionism of another sort—oversimplification, homogenization, nonempirical fantasy, and wishful normativism. These are also aspects of H-type mindscapes.

In the 1970s and 1980s the interdisciplinary thrust and enthusiasm of the preceding decades gradually died out. Often the decreasing budget was blamed for the decline. However, had the interdisciplinarity taken root in the minds of at least some faculty members, they could have carried on their interdisciplinary thinking even under the budget cuts. Moreover, interdepartmental appointments and courses would have saved money and would have been a

better survival strategy, especially under decreasing enrollment. The fact that this route was not taken is a proof that developments in the 1950s and 1960s depended too much on making collections of categorized pieces without altering the way of thinking of each person. In other words, interdisciplinarity had not become intrinsic and endogenous, but remained exotic and exogenous to each person.

In the early 1960s there were several social movements counteracting the predominant "mainstream" H-type hierarchical and homogenistic principles, notably the hippie movement and ethnic minority movements. The hippie movement advocated principles such as "Do your own thing!" and "Grow your own potatoes!" Mushrooming encounter groups created cozy inward-looking enclaves to shut themselves off from the outside world, outside people, and even from one another. They became isolationistic while being heterogenistic. The isolationistic heterogeneity is a characteristic of I-type mindscapes. Many of the ethnic movements had a similar tendency. As we shall see, the H-type and the I-type are actually two sides of the same coin, the latter rising against the former from time to time in history: sophists in ancient Greece, nominalists in medieval Europe, atonal music composers in the mid-20th century.

If the H-type and I-type are two sides of the same coin, there are also other coins. An example is the causal loop logic used in cybernetics, ecology, and econometrics. It is heterogenistic but interactive, not isolationistic. There are several subtypes of it. One is pattern-stabilizing and is called the S-type. Another is pattern-generating, and is called the G-type. There are many other subtypes within each type, as well as many other coins.

This book is based on a G-type principle: heterogenistic, interactive, and pattern-generating. It is not a collection of views from many disciplines. It does not first categorize and then combine. It begins with relations and ends with relations. Each chapter is not only interdisciplinary, but also contextual and relational. S-type and G-type mindscapes are heterogenistic, interactive, contextual, and can deal with complexity without reductionism or theoretical simplification. This book aims at helping the reader develop a contextual way to understand and act in complex situations.

Contextual understanding must be cultivated in several ways: (a) by becoming aware of the relations among seemingly unrelated aspects of human activities such as social interaction patterns, science, aesthetics, business practices, and politics; (b) by looking at a complex situation contextually to generate fresh insights and new interpretations without being bound by existing theories; (c) by having one's feet firmly on the details of the concrete reality of his/her daily activities; (d) by proceeding in one's activities while looking beyond seemingly simple rules; (e) by developing the ability for cross-disciplinary fertilization of concepts without falling into simplifying analogies; and (f) by being wary of reductionistic holism which tends to oversimplification, homogenization, nonempirical constructs, extrapolation, superficial analogy, or wishful normativism.

The six chapters of this book correspond to these six ways of cultivating contextual understanding. All except the last chapter give concrete examples. The [first chapter](#) offers examples from urban planning, international business, and other complex activities. The [second chapter](#) takes a fresh look at the bewildering economic problems in Argentina. The [third](#) brings you to a factory floor in Japan. The [fourth](#) presents empirical advice from two management experts of a large Swiss store chain. The [fifth](#) illustrates a fruitful cross-fertilization between biology and political science. The [sixth](#) is a critical view from a leading French epistemologist. All six chapters are interrelated in a mutually enhancing way, which is characteristic of the G-type mindscapes of the six authors.

An original view of interdisciplinary thinking and its applications is given in this book. It aims to help the reader develop a contextual way to understand and act in complex situations. The book is based on a G-type principle: heterogenetic, interactive and pattern-generating. Each chapter is not only interdisciplinary, but also contextual and relational. They correspond to each of the six ways of cultivating contextual understanding. Five of the chapters give concrete examples; three of them center on

examples from business management. This is because business management has become a frontier of complexity requiring contextual thinking; it is useful epistemologically to those in the humanities, social and natural sciences. The sixth chapter theoretically summarizes all the concrete examples.

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