

Methodology for Societal Complexity

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The sessions of Complex Societal Problems include all kinds of methodology and tools that can be applied for analyzing, structuring, guiding and evaluating Complex Societal Problems.

The Scientific Research Society of Methodology for Societal Complexity focuses on methods and tools for handling complex societal problems.

Complex societal problems are policy problems often mentioned in the daily news paper, such as difficulties in the Agricultural-industry (Mad-Cow disease, BSE; Foot- and Mouth disease; Fowl Plague, Bird flu), the issues of transportation, the healthcare problems (Malaria, HIV/Aids, Sars, flu) and the Water problems like flood and pollution, global safety such as terrorism and immigration issues, and disasters like hurricanes and earth quakes.

Complex societal problems are unstructured, dynamical and constantly changing and have a large impact on society on macro, meso and on micro level. Although many of these issues have a different cause, they have so much in common that they can be approached in the same way.

Handling complex societal problems needs a special interdisciplinary approach. The content knowledge comes from content experts. The process knowledge comes from facilitators. The attention of the research group is on the methods and tools facilitators need for supporting these kinds of problems. The facilitators use methods specially created for the field of societal problems combined with methods and insights derived from their original field like medicine, law, economics, societal sciences, methodology, mathematics, computer sciences, technology, engineering sciences, chaos theory and operational research.

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