

Review of: "[Research note] Semantic Systems Theory"

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I consider the writing to be relevant. Since it contributes to the exercise of reflecting and rethinking theories to explain why things happen?, which is central to the research process.

The author makes it clear that semantic systems are generators of meaning, based on identifiable, systematized and orchestrated interactions.

In addition, he mentions that it contrasts with current theories that are based on roles and focus on interaction.

However, I have some comments that can help clarify the doubts of any reader.

The concept of "agency" is mentioned in the text and it is recognized that the elements of the semantic system are agency-based roles. What difference is there in what is proposed and the existing theories that address "agency"? There is theory about human and non-human agency or actors and actants that address what is mentioned. I think it is important to emphasize that it makes the theory that is proposed different from others with similar approaches.

It is also mentioned that these roles arise from orchestrated interaction and constitute a structure of internal cohesion open to subsequent interactions. This idea brings us back to the best-known systems theories. If we assume that semantic systems are generators of meaning; Can we think of relationships and not interaction or processes instead of structure? Or what are the meanings that this interaction can generate? In science it is important to observe the phenomena we study, therefore, we must show them.

The sentence "a role and the semantic system in which it plays form a unit of interaction and cannot be completely separated from each other." It brings us back to systems theory approaches. Even within the evolution of systems theory, it is recognized that systems are open where there can be separation and from abstraction it is assumed that systems are seen as systems by the cognitive system that wants to see it as a system. And sociological approaches recognize the creation of meanings that emerge from the intertwined agencies of actors. Although what I comment may be far from what has been proposed, the suggestion is to argue that it makes different from what has already been proposed.

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