

Review of: "A Unified Psychology as Part of a General Social Science"

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I agree completely with the previous reviewer - Jozsef Katona, when it comes to the text itself and I also agree that this article needs to refer to more literature. For me, it is not only the question of where this theory could be used in the future, but it could be fruitful to take into account that ideas similar to this appeared in the past. It is obvious that they were not the same as AFT, but they were established on the same grounds. I believe that there could not be any communication between humans if there was not for a certain universality of the human mind. This notion can be followed since structuralism all the way to cognitive science and linguistics. Cultural anthropology could be perceived as the science of translating algorithms that belong to different communities. It is also really interesting that referring to human mind as a computer is yet another cognitive metaphor - well described in cognitive linguistics and cognitive science. Also, algorithms are anchored in language - their form is intertwined with their content. How to deal with that? It would therefore be interesting to relate AFT to Saussure, Chomsky, James Fernandez or Lakoff.

I think AFT is a very interesting idea and it is a true product of our time. In my opinion, it could be further developed through an interdisciplinary approach - by taking into account language and culture, because they are usually the ones that defy potential unifications in social sciences, but they can also be very enlightening on the other hand.