

English Companion — Abstracts and Executive Summaries

Hausgemeinschaft-Werkverbund · Hausgemeinschaft Trilogy and Synthesis

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Note on bilingual scope

This companion provides English-language abstracts, keywords, and executive summaries for the five works of Hausgemeinschaft-Werkverbund. The full main text of each work remains in German, which is the primary language of the empirical reference context (urban housing in the German-speaking DACH region). A full English translation of the core works is a v1.0 task and will be delivered as a separate parallel bundle when the research-closure conditions (DOI verification, OSF pre-registration, external review) have been met.

Readers who require full English access to a given work prior to v1.0 are asked to request specific sections via the contact address above.

Work 1 · Selection and Position in Local Gatekeeper Roles

DE title: Selektion und Position in lokalen Gatekeeper-Funktionen — Ein typologisches Fragment zu Hauswart- und Hausordnungsrollen in urbanen Wohnverhältnissen

Version / scope: v0.1 · theoretical fragment · ca. 2,000 words

Abstract

Local gatekeeper roles in urban housing — building caretakers, informal house-rule enforcers, semi-formal supervision positions — show observer-independent typological consistency: the same behavioural patterns (rule-oriented strictness, high observational density, selective sanction application, written reminders with low linguistic complexity) appear across very different buildings. The fragment proposes to explain this consistency not as a personality type, but as the result of two **coupled** mechanisms: (1) **self-selection** into the position on the basis of dispositional factors (Right-Wing Authoritarianism, Social Dominance Orientation), and (2) **position formation** through power effects even at a small scale (Keltner, Gruenfeld & Anderson 2003; Kipnis 1972). Both mechanisms reinforce each other; their interplay produces the observed typology. The fragment formulates an operationalisable research design to separate the two mechanisms via cross-sectional and longitudinal components.

Keywords

doormen · gatekeeping · authoritarianism · Right-Wing Authoritarianism · Social Dominance Orientation · street-level bureaucracy · power effects · self-selection vs. position formation

Diagnostic predictions

- V1 Selection signature
 - V2 Position signature
 - V3 Coupling signature (interaction effect)
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Work 2 · Reciprocity and Recategorisation as Mechanisms of Selective

Friendliness

DE title: Reziprozität und Rekategorisierung als Mechanismen selektiver Freundlichkeit — Ein theoretisches Fragment zur asymmetrischen Ingroup-Aktivierung in Hausgemeinschaften

Version / scope: v0.2 · theoretical fragment with study-design sketch · ca. 2,300 words

Abstract

Persons in local gatekeeping functions often show a pattern of long-standing distance towards other residents that can switch abruptly into warm closeness after a small reciprocity gesture (gift, favour). This threshold switch cannot be explained by any actual change in the relationship. The fragment proposes a two-stage model: (1) **the reciprocity norm as trigger** that breaks default indifference and makes the other person addressable; (2) **recategorisation as a categorical Bayesian step** across latent social categories — not gradual, but discrete. The central empirically testable prediction is the **asymmetry of the switch**: the transition remains domain-specific; adjacent social categories (e.g. ethnically marked out-groups) are not drawn in by the same act. This sharply distinguishes the model from dispositional competing hypotheses that would expect domain-general warmth increase.

Keywords

reciprocity · recategorisation · parochial altruism · Bayesian social cognition · ingroup / outgroup · common ingroup identity · predictive processing · Frankfurt compatibilism · autonomy

Diagnostic predictions

- H1 Reciprocity trigger
- H2 Asymmetry / domain-specific switch
- H3 Disposition as modulator

Operational design

2 × 3 between-subjects vignette experiment with trigger × target-person factors; pre-registration-ready.

Work 3 · Gossip as the Infrastructure of Informal Social Control

DE title: Klatsch als Infrastruktur informeller Sozialkontrolle in Hausgemeinschaften — Ein netzwerksoziologisches Fragment zur asymmetrischen Informationsökonomie semi-formeller Aufsichtspositionen

Version / scope: v0.1 · theoretical fragment · ca. 2,100 words

Abstract

Gossip is established in the research literature as a central resource of social bonding since at least Dunbar (1996); Feinberg, Willer and Schultz (2014) show experimentally that gossip combined with sanctioning capability supports cooperation in groups. The fragment advances the thesis that in urban housing communities gossip does not diffuse symmetrically through the resident network, but flows asymmetrically to **hub positions** — typically local gatekeeper functions (caretaker, informal house-rule supervisor). These hubs aggregate laterally distributed observations and convert them into semi-formal sanction (reminder, hint, complaint to building administration). The asymmetry of information flows explains two empirical observations that have so far remained unlinked: the **selectivity** of sanction application (Work 1) and the **stability** of out-group classifications (Work 2). The fragment proposes an operationalisable network-sociological research design.

Keywords

gossip · social network analysis · hub centrality · brokerage · structural holes · informal social control · denunciation · surveillance anticipation

Diagnostic predictions

- V1 Hub centrality
- V2 Asymmetry of sanction likelihood
- V3 Gossip-source selection

Methodological stop criterion

Erhebungsethik of gossip data remains an open question; whether such data can be collected at all under current ethical standards is itself a v1.0 research question.

Work 4 · Structural Autonomy Reduction without Formal Coercion

DE title: Strukturelle Autonomie-Reduktion ohne formalen Zwang — Drei Mechanismus-Linien in der Hausgemeinschaft — eine Synthese

Version / scope: v0.2 · synthesis work · ca. 2,600 words

Abstract

Three parallel anchor papers describe one mechanism of informal social control in urban housing each. The synthesis argues that the three mechanisms are **systemically interlocked** and jointly constitute a phenomenon class: **structural autonomy reduction without formal coercion**. v0.2 hardens the fault line marked in v0.1 §6(c) by (a) operationalising the compensation thesis via four diagnostic predictions VK1-VK4, (b) sharply demarcating the synthesis contribution against Foucault, Lukes, Bourdieu and Lipsky, (c) representing the interlocking structure as a formal DAG, and (d) making the normative position explicit. The central falsifiable prediction VK4 reads: sustained reduction of the typical phenomenology occurs only under **coordinated intervention on at least two of the three mechanisms**; single-mechanism interventions are compensated by the other two.

Keywords

social control · disciplinary power · symbolic violence · third dimension of power · Foucault · Lukes · Bourdieu · Lipsky · Frankfurt compatibilism · autonomy as position property · compensation thesis · intervention topology

Diagnostic predictions

- VK1 Position intervention alone → effect vanishes within 6–12 months
- VK2 Category intervention alone → short-term effect, long-term compensation
- VK3 Information intervention alone → formal effect, not experiential
- VK4 Multi-intervention → super-additive effect (central synthesis prediction)

Connection to the autonomy scale

Yields two consequences for the ongoing complexity / culpability research line: *autonomy as position property* (not primarily person property); *position-dependent autonomy limitation* as a third category between fit-to-act and fit-to-stand-trial.

Work 5 · Workshop Principles Update P-12 / P-13 / P-14

DE title: Werkstattregeln-Update — P-12 Beobachtung vs. Befund · P-13 Spurentrennung vor Forschungsausweitung · P-14 Diagnose-Verbot bei Personen ohne Zugang

Version / scope: v0.1 · operational workshop-line update · ca. 350 words

Abstract

Three new principles added to the private-research workshop rulebook in response to the methodological risk observed in the opening phase of Hausgemeinschaft-Werkverbund:

- **P-12 Observation vs. finding.** $n=1$ observation is occasion, not finding. Transition into finding status requires (a) connection to published typology, (b) operational definition, (c) documented replication.
 - **P-13 Track separation before research expansion.** Cross-links are written last, not first. Synthesis work only after at least three completed single anchors.
 - **P-14 Diagnosis prohibition for persons without access.** Clinical or typologically derogatory categorisations of concrete persons are methodologically dead as soon as the text claims research character. The role, type and pattern are tenable — not the person.
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Visualisation · Entanglement DAG (§5 of the synthesis)

Directed cyclic graph with 7 nodes (D disposition, P position, R reciprocity trigger, K categorisation, I information flow, S sanction selectivity, B resident behaviour) and 11 edges. No root node; every node is both cause and effect. The anticipation loop $B \rightarrow I$ (red accent) sharpens out-group selectivity as a structural side effect of in-group behavioural adaptation. See

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