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FORSCH-0244 — TEXTURA v0.5

A Three-Card Method for Transdisciplinary Node Analysis with Closure Rule

Methodological work piece within the GEFLECHT / KNOTENWERK research strand. Provides a reproducible method to engage with thinkers, concepts, and conflicts transdisciplinarily without devolving into educational essay or ideology.

> **Note on register check.** FORSCH number 0244 and codename TEXTURA are proposals. Binding registration requires dual verification (memory plus conversation_search; higher number wins). TEXTURA is Latin for “weave / network”, alternative RETICULUM. Verification against Namens-Register HART v2.0 required.

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0. Changes from v0.4

Dimension	v0.3	v0.4	v0.5
Clusters	2	3	**3**
Trial nodes	9	12	**14**
Cluster cards	4	5	**7**
Axes elaborated	9	12	**14**
Card-B linkages	45	60	**70**
of which cross-cluster edges (counting rule, Finding 30)	6	12 *(stated as 10 in v0.4)*	**16**
Methodological modes	9	12	**14**
Method findings	18	24	**31**
Demonstration material	27,296	36,005	**46,269 words**
Deep structure	testable hypothesis	confirmed (3 clusters)	**confirmed, with double occupancy, not independently tested (Findings 27, 28)**

What v0.5 does: The bundling-rule prediction left open in v0.4 (Wallerstein, cluster 002) and the extension item Barad (cluster 003) are implemented. Wallerstein fulfils the prediction (Finding 25). Barad is an extension node for the entanglement side and not the prediction for cluster 003, which concerns an economic, class-theoretic node and remains open. The additions produce seven new findings (25–31): a fulfilled second cycle of the bundling rule, a broadening (Finding 26) and an extension (Finding 29) of Finding 17, double occupancy of the deep-structure positions (Finding 27), a limit of testability (Finding 28), a counting rule with a correction of Finding 23 (Finding 30), and the test of the Ordo Biotica lock on Barad (Finding 31).

Corrections to the v0.4 state:

- *Edge count.* v0.4 stated ten cross-cluster edges but listed twelve. Under the counting rule fixed in v0.5 (Finding 30) there are twelve (v0.4) and sixteen (v0.5).
- *Finding 23.* The claim that the entanglement node carries the most cross-cluster edges does not hold under the count; the qualitative claim of the most pointed seams remains (Finding 30).
- *Finding 18.* The second case listed there as open (Wallerstein) is fulfilled.
- *Method-findings standalone.* The header and context paragraphs carried over from v0.3 (nine nodes, two clusters) are removed.

Structurally unchanged: card types and closure rules — now applied across three clusters and six extension steps.

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1. Abstract

Conventional thinker portraits tend to be essayistic, selective, and without a methodological closure rule. TEXTURA provides a three-card method that engages with thinkers, concepts, and conflicts transdisciplinarily and protects against open-ended reflection through an explicit closure rule.

Three card types (node, linkage, axis traversal) plus a cluster card as aggregate; clusters connected via cross-cluster edges. The method requires explicit naming of blind spots, specification of empirical testability (discipline, procedure, finding), and asymmetric

linkages from both perspectives.

Tested on fourteen trial nodes in three clusters: 001 “Domination, Reproduction, and Alternative” (Bakunin, Marx, Weber, Kropotkin, Ostrom, Federici), 002 “Coloniality, Racialization, and Global Asymmetry” (Quijano, Fanon, Lugones, Wallerstein), 003 “Subject, Body, Performativity” (Butler, Preciado, Haraway, Barad), connected via sixteen outgoing cross-cluster edges. Current state: 46,269 words, fourteen axes, 70 Card-B linkages, thirty-one method findings.

Two findings carry the work. First (No. 17, cluster-invariant): in all three clusters — European theorists, decolonial theorists, body/gender theorists — the dividing line between empirically tenable and untenable theses runs within each thinker along the type of claim: **social theory is empirically strong at mechanism description, weak at origin dating and program forecasting.** Second (No. 19, deep structure): each cluster independently forms the same **structure/subject/entanglement triad** — a prediction made by the method and confirmed by a purpose-built third cluster. Both findings are in principle invisible with a single cluster. In v0.5 both carry qualifications: Finding 17 appears in three variants and stays informative only if counter-cases are sought (Finding 29); Finding 19 is not independently tested by the new nodes, because the assignment of the new nodes follows their selection (Finding 28).

2. Problem

Four recurring weaknesses of conventional treatment: linear rather than network-like; selective without closure rule; empirically underdetermined; blind spots unmarked. TEXTURA addresses all four through structural requirements.

3. Method

3.1 Card A — Node

Ten mandatory fields: core question (with operational variant) · counterpositions · core content (three sentences) · conceptual apparatus (five to seven terms) · historical anchoring · source ground · effect ground · **empirical testability** · blind spots (at least three) · present-day connectivity.

Field 8 requires discipline, concrete procedure, and finding — a named study with result, not “sociology could”.

3.2 Card B — Linkage

Six mandatory fields: agreement · conflict · translation problem · common opponent · disciplinary bridge · methodological mirroring. **Two entries per node pair, one per perspective** — cross-cluster too (Finding 13).

3.3 Card C — Axis traversal

Seven default axes as repertoire. In the material fourteen elaborated: six in cluster 001, four in 002, four in 003. Each axis has one or two **nodal points**. Some axes are cluster-internal, some run through several clusters (cross-cluster axes, Finding 15), and clusters can be connected by **axis rotation** (a cluster rotates an axis of the source cluster into its problem dimension, Finding 22).

3.4 Cluster card — Aggregate

Eleven sections. **Upper limit approximately six member nodes** — beyond that, a second cluster (Finding 11).

3.5 Cross-cluster layer

Clusters connected via cross-cluster edges. These are asymmetric like cluster-internal ones (Finding 13), distribute unevenly, and form **seams** at thematically related axes (Finding 14); the seam itself is differentiated by structure/subject (finding, cluster 003). In the material the densest seam is Lugones × Federici. Counting follows a fixed counting rule (Finding 30); under it Federici, with five incoming edges, is the densest target node of the network.

3.6 Deep structure *(confirmed in v0.4; with double occupancy in v0.5)*

Each cluster independently forms a **structure, a subject, and an entanglement side**:

Cluster	Structure	Subject	Entanglement
001 Domination	Marx (class, capital)	action-theoretic line (Weber → Bourdieu)	Bourdieu/Federici
002 Coloniality	Quijano (cultural-epistemic structure), Wallerstein (economic structure)	Fanon (subjectivation)	Lugones (race-gender fusion)
003 Subject/Body	Preciado (material/economy)	Butler (discourse)	Haraway (biological-anthropological), Barad (physical-ontological)

The triad arises through **splitting of a shared source ground** (demonstrable in cluster 003: Butler and Preciado branch from Foucault; Finding 20). With Wallerstein and Barad, two nodes in one cluster each are assigned to the same position; the positions thus behave like functions, not like places (Finding 27). The assignment comes from the author and follows node selection; the triad is therefore not independently tested by the new nodes (Finding 28). The earlier claim that the entanglement node is in each case the richest (Finding 23) is, after counting, limited to the qualitative claim of the most pointed seams (Finding 30).

4. Closure rule

Node closed when: all ten Card A fields · at least three blind spots · at least two Card-B · empirical testability with discipline and procedure.

Cluster closed when: at least three closed member nodes · at least three axes with distinguishable positions · operationalizable cluster question · at least three blind spots of the aggregate · empirical synthesis with at least one statement not derivable from individual nodes · extension plan with at least two justified further nodes.

Otherwise mark *open* with a list of missing items.

5. Demonstration material

Cluster 001 — Domination, Reproduction, and Alternative (19th–21st c.): Bakunin (1,516) · Marx (1,708) · Weber (1,928) · Kropotkin (2,195) · Ostrom (2,249) · Federici (2,429) · Cluster v0.1/v0.2/v0.3.

Cluster 002 — Coloniality, Racialization, and Global Asymmetry: Quijano (2,441) · Fanon (2,329) · Lugones (2,336) · Wallerstein (2,518) · Cluster v0.1 · Cluster v0.2 (2,414).

Cluster 003 — Subject, Body, Performativity: Butler (2,354) · Preciado (2,345) · Haraway (2,188) · Barad (2,744) · Cluster v0.1 · Cluster v0.2 (2,588).

Sum: 46,269 words (14 person nodes 31,280 + 7 cluster cards 14,989), 14 nodes, 7 cluster cards, all closed.

Fourteen elaborated axes with nodal points:

Cluster 001: Freedom/Domination (Bakunin) · Subject/Structure (Marx) · Knowledge/Value (Weber) · Nature/Culture (Kropotkin) · Market/State/Commons (Ostrom) · Production/Reproduction (Federici). *Cluster 002:* Universalism/Difference (Quijano) · Violence/Liberation (Fanon, cross-cluster) · Unity/Multiplicity of the Subject (Lugones) · Unit of analysis nation-state/world-system (Wallerstein). *Cluster 003:* Norm/Deviation (Butler) · Discourse/Materiality (Butler↔Preciado) · Human/Non-Human (Haraway) · Observer/Observed (Barad).

Sixteen cross-cluster edges (counted by outgoing side, Finding 30): Quijano × Marx/Weber/Federici · Fanon × Bakunin/Arendt · Lugones × Federici (densest seam) · Wallerstein × Marx/Federici · Butler × Foucault/Federici/Lugones · Preciado × Foucault/Federici · Haraway × Kropotkin (most pointed seam) · Barad × Lugones/Kropotkin.

6. Method findings

Cluster 001 (1–12, see v0.2): empirical correction of canonical theses · asymmetric Card B · axes as cuts · clusters are aggregates · extension without rebuild · five-node threshold · self-reflection as cluster function · bundling rule · retroaction rule · redundancy checking · upper limit ~6 nodes · aggregate findings transverse to nodes.

Two-cluster state (13–18, see v0.3): cross-cluster edges asymmetric · clusters have a seam · axes cross cluster boundaries · subject/structure as testable deep-structure hypothesis · **cluster-invariant aggregate finding** · bundling rule cross-cluster predictive.

Three-cluster state (19–24, new in v0.4):

19. **The deep-structure hypothesis is confirmed.** Structure/subject/entanglement appears in three independent clusters. What stood in v0.3 as a testable hypothesis (Finding 16) is confirmed by the purpose-built cluster 003 as a fulfilled prediction. The method successfully forecast a structural property of its own future material — the strongest case of self-testing.

20. **The deep structure arises through splitting of a shared source ground.** Demonstrable in cluster 003: Butler (discursive) and Preciado (material) branch from Foucault’s theory of power. The subject/structure differentiation is no mysterious pattern but the branching of shared sources — an explanatory mechanism for Finding 19.

21. **There is a cross-cluster leading axis.** The gender dimension connects all three clusters: Federici (001) — Lugones (002) — Butler (003) form a triangle whose edges all run over gender. A single thematic axis can traverse the entire network and form its primary connecting structure.

22. **Clusters are connected by axis rotations, not only by edges.** Each new cluster takes an axis of the source cluster and rotates it into its problem dimension: 002 rotates Knowledge/Value → Universalism/Difference; 003 rotates Foucault’s normalization → Norm/Deviation. Axes connect clusters by transformation, not only by traversal (extension of Finding 15).

23. **The entanglement node is structurally the richest.** In both complete triads (Lugones in 002, Haraway in 003) the entanglement node carries the most cross-

cluster edges and the densest/most pointed seams. A cluster's methodological yield concentrates in its entanglement position. *Corrected in v0.5 (Finding 30): the count does not support "most edges"; the qualitative claim "most pointed seams" remains.*

24. **Ordo Biotica is the deepest continuous line of the network.** The lock against naturalizing inferences connects Kropotkin (001, commits the fallacy), his critique in Ostrom/Federici (001), and Haraway (003, thinks symbiosis without the fallacy). A methodological principle of the workshop proves to be the longest continuous substantive line through all clusters — the method rediscovers its own foundation in the material.

Four-node state (25–31, new in v0.5):

25. **The bundling rule has fulfilled two of two predictions; the third is pending.** Lugones and Wallerstein (cluster 002) are fulfilled; each cycle closes a gap and opens the counter-gap. The prediction of an economic, class-theoretic node for cluster 003 is open; Barad is not a hit. The predictions were made, checked, and fulfilled by the same author; the rule has not been tested from outside.

26. **Finding 17 holds for a political economist — breadth grows, independence does not.** Wallerstein shows both members: the "long sixteenth century" is contested, the system forecast is untestable, the persistence of the zone hierarchy is supported. Refinement: what fails is not the diagnosis of the present state but the projection back to a starting point; the descriptive core is independent of the dating.

27. **The positions of the deep structure are functions that can be occupied more than once.** The structure position in 002 (Quijano, Wallerstein) and the entanglement position in 003 (Haraway, Barad) are doubly occupied; no fourth position has arisen. A working assumption, not proof; refutable by a node that fits none of the three functions.

28. **Adding a node is not an independent test of the deep structure.** Wallerstein was derived from the structure position, Barad from the plan for the entanglement position; the classification already determines the selection. A sound test would need a node chosen without regard to the triad and classified by a second person.

29. **Finding 17 has three variants; its core remains, its formulation widens.** Origin dating and program (001, 002), maximal claim (003 v0.1), exceeding the domain of validity (Barad). Common core: the description within its domain holds; projection back, extension, and program do not. Barad has neither origin dating nor forecast. Risk: with three variants almost any criticism fits; a search for counter-cases is pending.

30. **Counting rule for cross-cluster edges; Finding 23 corrected.** An edge is a Card-B entry headed "cross-cluster" that points to a node or a named person outside the cluster's own, counted per entry from the outgoing side. Result: 16 (v0.4: 12, not 10). Federici, with five incoming edges, is the densest target node; the entanglement node carries on average the fewest outgoing edges (1.3 against 2.3 and 2.5).

31. **The Ordo Biotica lock is triggered by Barad; it marks, it does not decide.** Barad denies the separation of is and ought on which the lock rests. The method makes the dispute over premises visible; it does not settle it.

7. Methodological limits

1. No substitute for primary source work.
2. No systematic history of philosophy — axis traversals are cuts.

3. No normative justification of political programs.
4. No truth-determination — organization of knowledge.
5. No textbook substitute.
6. No independent test: the assignment of new nodes to deep-structure positions and the testing of the bundling rule are done by the author (Findings 25, 28).

8. Connection to WERKSTATTLINIE and ÖKOSYSTEM

Track separation: FORSCHUNG. No Schichtwerk, SIGNALWERK, or CUEPOINT components. No defense connection.

Internal: GEFLECHT / KNOTENWERK · Three-Card Method · Ordo Biotica (lock against the naturalistic fallacy — confirmed in the material as the deepest continuous line, Finding 24; marked as a dispute over premises at Barad, Finding 31) · ρ / δ · WertKompass · ETHOSLAB · PDI · RETURN · PSDP.

External: Wikipedia / Wikidata · Zotero / BibTeX · Obsidian.

9. Reproducibility

Basic sequence (seven steps): node selection · Card A (all ten fields, empirical column evidenced) · Card B (two entries per pair) · Card C (at least one axis, name nodal points) · cluster card from three nodes · closure check at every step · iteration.

Extension rules (three, from Findings 8–11): bundling rule · retroaction rule · upper-limit rule.

Cross-cluster rules (four, from Findings 13–15 and 30): seam rule · axis-traversal rule · invariance rule · counting rule (cross-cluster edge = Card-B entry headed “cross-cluster” that points to a node or named person outside the cluster’s own; counted per entry from the outgoing side).

Deep-structure rule (new in v0.4, from Findings 19–20): for each new cluster, check whether it forms a structure, a subject, and an entanglement side. If one is missing, that is a bundling-rule signal for a missing node. The triad typically arises through splitting of a shared source ground — identify it to find the missing pole. Double occupancy of a position is permissible (Finding 27); where possible a second person should assign a node to a position (Finding 28).

Recommendation: several small clusters rather than one large one, then cross-cluster comparison. The carrying findings (17, 19) can be obtained only with several clusters.

10. Appendix: Work card

Property	Value
FORSCH number	0244 *(pending register check)*
Codename	TEXTURA *(pending register check; alternative: RETICULUM)*
Type	Tool / Method
Strand	GEFLECHT / KNOTENWERK
Version	0.5
Languages	German (main), English (mirror)
Demonstration material	14 person nodes, 7 cluster cards, 3 clusters, 46,269 words
Axes	14 elaborated, 7 in default repertoire
Card types	4 + cross-cluster layer + deep structure
Cross-cluster edges	16 (counting rule, Finding 30)
Closure rules	node 4, cluster 6 conditions
Method findings	31
Application rules	7 basic + 3 extension + 4 cross-cluster + 1 deep-structure
Methodological limits	6
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Closure status

Abstract · problem · method (4 card types + cross-cluster + deep structure) · closure rule · demonstration material (21 files, 3 clusters) · method findings (31) · limits (6) · WERKSTATTLINIE connection · reproducibility (7 + 3 + 4 + 1 rules) · work card. **All items MET.**

Work piece status: v0.5 closed.

Next steps: register check Namens-Register HART v2.0 · check the source references of nodes 013 and 014 marked unverified in `QUELLENSTATUS.md` · E28 Pre-Publish Gate · scan-byok-spurentrennung.sh · SHA256SUMS · BYOK Zenodo upload · DOI.

Open application lines: economic, class-theoretic node for cluster 003 (open bundling-rule prediction; Federici as full member or Fraser) · cluster 002 with Mbembe or Mignolo (the upper limit applies at six nodes) · fourth cluster · search for counter-cases to Finding 17 · assignment of new nodes by a second person (Finding 28) · schema check in the real Obsidian vault.

Translator’s note

This English mirror preserves German proper nouns (WERKSTATTLINIE, GEFLECHT, KNOTENWERK, ÖKOSYSTEM, FORSCH, WERKKARTE, ETHOSLAB, WertKompass, Namens-Register HART) and Latin codenames (TEXTURA, RETICULUM, Ordo Biotica) unchanged. Methodological vocabulary follows standard English academic usage (closure rule, node, linkage, nodal point, axis traversal, seam, cross-cluster edge, entanglement, axis rotation). Cluster titles are translated; trial-file names remain in their original German form to keep file references identical across both versions.

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