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Systems Thinking in Anthropology: Understanding Cultural Complexity in the Era of Super-diversity

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Dear Colleagues,

The objective of this Special Issue is to highlight the efforts made by anthropologists and other social scientists to integrate the theoretical framework and methods of systems thinking into their research. Systems thinking is considered here as a modeling methodology that facilitates the understanding of complex cultural phenomena, such as the dynamics of social relations in a cross-cultural context. Among the various lines of research in this area, this Special Issue focuses more specifically on the various phenomena that are encapsulated by the concept of super-diversity, introduced initially by Vertovec in the context of his work on the evolution of migration patterns.

For this Special Issue, we are particularly interested in texts that make it possible to see how systemic approaches facilitate the understanding of social dynamics in increasingly diverse urban environments. We are also interested in texts that make use of concepts that are specific to systems thinking or which will have recourse to the anthropological theories of learning, double-bind, information, or communication rooted in the work of Bateson.



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