



Systemic Decision Making

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As the world becomes more interconnected and integrated, few truly separable problems of any consequence remain. We face a world full of interrelated problems, or to borrow from Russell Ackoff's terminology, *messes*. As a result, the messes we routinely face require increasingly sophisticated methods to understand, address, and control (in keeping with Ashby's law of requisite variety). This sophistication often requires that we reach across disciplinary boundaries and embrace inter- and transdisciplinary approaches. This Special Issue focuses on the fusion of systems thinking and decision making, resulting in what the authors term systemic decision making (Hester and Adams, 2017). Papers are welcomed that operate at the intersection of the systems of thinking and decision making, and that focus on any of the areas of problem structuring, increasing mess understanding, stakeholder involvement, executing an intervention, and analyzing intervention efficacy, or any related area. Theoretical as well as practical case studies are welcomed.





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